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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

Board braces for budget cuts

District faces projected $4.2M in reductions over two school years

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph school district is facing a projected $4.2 million in reductions from state revenue for the remainder of this school year and the next year combined.

At Monday night's board meeting, Superintendent Thomas Bruce presented a "budget roadmap," which outlines the district's plans relative to anticipated state education budget cuts.

"This is really an opportunity for us to explore how to safely reopen our buildings while fully supporting robust learning for all of our students," Bruce said. "Through three work committees – focused on instruction, facilities/operations and health/wellness – we are not only identifying ways to maximize district funds, but are also reinventing our service model, examining how we deliver our curriculum and learning, and how to best support our students and staff through the lens of COVID-19."

State tax revenues are down 43 percent from April 2019 to April 2020. Bruce said the state is facing a $6.3 billion revenue deficit this and next year. The state's School Aid Fund is expected to lose $1.2 billion.

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The district anticipates a $700 per pupil cut for both the current year as well as for next year, which begins July 1.

Bruce said this amounts to about $4.2 million. Broken down, that reduction is split to $2.1 million for both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years.

"We are making the best decisions possible with the information we have now," said Brenda Graham, the district's chief financial officer. "To be fiscally responsible and ensure St. Joseph Public Schools students are being served with a quality education, we need to put plans into place now."

While the district's fiscal year begins July 1, the state's

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More than 1,000 people march during the Berrien Springs Peace Walk on Sunday to raise awareness for racial equality.

'We are history. This is history'

More than 1,000 march locally over the weekend for racial equality

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — More than 1,000 people marched Sunday in the Berrien Springs Peace March, calling for an end to racial injustice and police brutality against black people.

One of the speakers, Lonhi Sibande, a 2015 graduate of Berrien Springs High School, said he's never seen such solidarity across the nation of people demanding that the voices of black people be heard.

"We're not reading about it in the history books anymore. We are history. This is history," said Sibande, who lives in Detroit, where he attends Wayne State University.

He said the turning point was when Americans watched a recording of George Floyd die in Minneapolis on May 25 with a then police officer's knee on his neck.

"We saw the actual death," he said. "For a human being to turn a blind eye to that, it just goes against natural human instinct."

But he said the marches and protests that have flared up around the world are about more than Floyd.

"This is about all the lives that we've lost and everything that has hindered (people of color) and black people from succeeding and having a fair shot," he said.

Sibande said all black people want is an equal chance in life.

Ingabire Mutimura of Berrien Springs, one of the organizers, said racism is everywhere, even in Berrien Springs.

"I know that the issue isn't as big here in Berrien Springs, but it is (here)," she said. "Although we're not in the South and the racism isn't as blatant and disrespectful here, there are very subtle instances of racism in Michigan, in the North and in this town. I think that it's important that we all acknowledge that and that we all try to fight it."

Jordanne Howell-Walton speaks Sunday to the more than 1,000 people participating in the Berrien Springs Peace Walk. Howell-Walton, a graduate of Andrews University, helped plan the walk along with, on the left, Meylin Allen, a teacher at Berrien Springs High School. They said they are raising awareness of the countless acts of injustice and brutality against black people in America.

Another organizer, Jordanne Howell-Walton, stressed that it was to be a peaceful protest. She said that if people driving by yell out racial slurs, the marchers were to ignore them.

"They do not deserve our attention," she said. "They do not deserve our energy. Our energy is simply to say that we do not accept what's happening in our country. We do not accept the death of George Floyd. And we will not remain silent. But we cannot allow them to take our energy or change our focus."

March organizers worked with the Berrien Springs Police Department to make sure the walk remained peaceful.

"If you see someone who may look suspicious, or something that looks suspicious, there are officers marching with us," she said before the march. "They are in uniform and they have their badges. Look for that. We are so

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The outdoors is in his blood

Retiring Berrien County parks director has always been most at home outside

Brian Bailey of St. Joseph may have retired in May from being the Berrien County parks director, but that doesn't mean he left the county's employment.

Bailey has continued in his position as a temporary worker until after the new county administrator, Brian Dissette, comes on board on July 1 and a new parks director is hired.

"The new administrator and the new director will work hand-in-hand, so it seems proper that the new administrator has some input on who they will work with," said the 53-year-old native of Marquette, Mich. "I had a few days off and now I'm back full-time."

Bailey talked recently with Staff Writer Louise Wrege about his time in Berrien County.

Q&A
BRIAN BAILEY

Are you originally from this area?

No. I've been here since 1990. I grew up in the U.P. until roughly middle school age, then graduated from high school in Lansing.

Where did you grow up in the U.P.?

Marquette. It was wonderful as a child. It was an outstanding place to grow up back in the 1970s. Our backyard was 80 acres of woods and forests and that's where all the kids played. We had forts and trails and it was just a wonderful experience. And when winter came, it was winter. I have great childhood memories.

Did that help you develop a love for nature?

I think so. My folks were always out and about. At that time in my childhood, when friends would visit my parents from the Lower Peninsula, it would be a trip to the dump to watch the bears. There was no cable TV and no internet. Just going out looking for wildlife.

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Police release name of victim shot near mall

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Police have released the name of the man who died after shots were fired early Sunday outside Orchards Mall.

Benton Township Police Chief Brian Smit said Tyreik Payton-Daniels, 18, was pronounced dead at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, following the 2 a.m. shooting. In an updated news release issued Monday, Smit said Payton-Daniels had a single gunshot wound to the hip area. An autopsy has been scheduled.

Two other people were shot. Smit said a 19-year-old man had serious but not life-threatening injuries and a 20-year-old man suffered less serious injury to his leg. Their names have not been released.

The mall on Pipestone Road in Benton Township was closed at the time shots were fired after a large crowd had gathered outside the mall. Police said they did not know the nature of the gathering or what led up to the shooting. No one had been arrested as of Monday afternoon.

Benton Township police were assisted by officers from the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, St. Joseph Department of Public Safety and St. Joseph Township police.

The shootings remain under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Benton Township Police Detective Bureau, 925-1135.

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new fiscal year doesn't start until Oct. 1.

"We are required to bring a budget to the board before we know what the state will do in terms of a reduction in funding," Graham said. "We are urging the legislature at the state and federal level to minimize the impact of this financial crisis to our classrooms."

Bruce said the hope is the economic downturn doesn't last long. However, some economists are projecting a three-year economic slump.

"We have to plan for the worst-case scenario," he said. "What we see now is a $2.1 million reductions for St. Joe schools for the upcoming year. We know we will propose a budget here in June, but expect it to change in July, August and September as numbers continue to change."

When addressing board members Monday, Bruce said the $2.1 million reduction is equivalent to about 16 teacher salaries, based on the average pay scale within the district.

To address the 2019-20 reduction of $2.1 million, the district is spending down some of its fund balance.

Bruce said with only three weeks left for this school year, it was impossible to make enough reductions to account for the $2.1 million. As a result of turning to its general fund balance, the district's fund equity will drop from 16 percent to 9 percent.

Over the past several weeks, staff members reviewed current budget projections, reviewed the district's strategic plan goals, and evaluated parent survey data. Using this data, they have identified three areas where dollars can be reallocated, helping work toward the 2020-21 year target of the other $2.1 million.

The three key areas includes operations/transportation, attrition and line-item reductions. Bruce said that throughout the summer, parents and students will continue to be informed.

"We're trying to leave classrooms unaffected as much as possible because the alternative is layoffs and classroom resizings," Bruce said. "The truth is COVID hasn't gone away. No vaccine has been made so we're still looking at what that means for the fall. As we move forward, it's important for us to keep our heads together. My dad used to say, 'It's just a test, don't fail it.'"

Every week, the district issues Sunday Bear News that provides an update relative to the week's events and will continue the conversation about the district's budget progress.

A section of the district's website is under development to include resources and frequently asked questions. St. Joseph area families will be invited to participate in future surveys and other virtual meetings so that everyone feels informed, has the ability to ask questions and share ideas.

Board President Barry Conybeare emphasized the board's intention of protecting the classroom as much as possible, as reductions are made.

"It's our No. 1 priority," Conybeare said. "These are going to be tough decisions. Not everyone is going to be happy about them."

The board will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on June 29 to consider the district's 2020-21 proposed budget and 2020 millage rates.

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Michigan

Poker Lotto
AS-4C-5D-8H-10S
Midday Daily 3
8-4-9
Midday Daily 4
8-3-1-4
Daily 3
6-5-9
Daily 4
6-0-5-5
Fantasy 5
15-17-19-22-33
Keno
08-09-18-26-33-34-36-38-47-48-56-57-58-60-65-67-70-72-75-76-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$410 million
Powerball jackpot
$22 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
02-05-10-23-43
Estimated jackpot
$105,000
Cash4Life
01-09-12-39-51, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
03-04-22-23-25-33-34-38-39-42-45-51-55-57-61-62-64-66-70-78, BE: 23
Daily Three-Midday
6-3-4, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
8-7-3, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
4-2-0-9, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
1-0-8-0, SB: 7
Quick Draw Evening
01-02-16-20-26-27-28-33-36-48-54-56-59-60-63-68-69-75-78-80, BE: 26

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LuckyDay Lotto Midday
10-21-23-26-37
Estimated jackpot
$400,000
Pick Three-Midday
9-7-6, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
2-2-0, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Midday
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grateful that they are marching with us and that they stand with us, saying that what happened to George Floyd was unacceptable and it should not happen again and we stop the pattern now."

Participants marched from the Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University, down M-139 to the Berrien Springs Library, and finished at Berrien Springs High School. While walking down M-139, several people driving by gave friendly honks and words of encouragement and support to the marchers.

People spoke and led the group in songs at the library and high school. And at the high school, the crowd kneeled for almost nine minutes, signifying how long the former Minneapolis police officer kneeled on Floyd's neck.

That officer plus three others with him have been fired and subsequently charged in Floyd's death.

Chief Paul Toliver of the Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police Department said after the march that his officers were there to protect everyone's right to peacefully protest.

He said most police officers are good people, but they are not perfect.

"As a profession, we do need to do a better job," Toliver said.

And he said he has never seen a police tactic taught in which an officer kneels on someone's neck.

"That's not a training technique that we're taught here," he said. "That was absolutely indefensible and improper and it should not have happened."

Toliver said that in his department, they hold each other accountable.

"We took an oath to protect, and that includes calling out injustice when you see it ... even if it's another officer," he said. "... Nobody hates a bad cop more than a good cop. If we make a mistake, we need to be brave enough to call it out and say we made a mistake."

South Haven

Local resident Monique Crawley spearheaded South Haven's Black Lives Matter protest event on Saturday, which began at Elkenburg Park on the city's south side.

"This event was not designed to be disruptive but to show solidarity," she said. "Nationwide, racial tensions have increased," she said. "South Haven is not any different."

On Saturday protesters carried signs, many of which said, "Black Lives Matter," "United We Stand, Divided We Fall, "Prosecute the Police" and "I Can't Breathe," to symbolize the words George Floyd said to one of the police officers as he held the black man down by pushing his knee against his neck.

Other signs read "8 minutes, 46 seconds" – symbolizing how long a citizen's video camera showed the police officer's knee on Floyd's neck before the man died.

Enriqueta Turanzas of Bangor attended the event. "I have the upmost respect for police, but changes are needed," she said.

Turanzas was one of the 500 or so people who came to the park to hear ministers and other community leaders speak about the need to end racism for people of color.

"It's gone backwards," said Dorothy Sherrod, a black minister. "We've made some progress. We still have work to do. This (gathering) is a good foundation to start a dialogue. We need respect and everyone to be treated equally."

Although Elkenburg Park is in the middle of a predominantly black community, roughly half of the people who took part in the protest were white.

Tammy Gleeson of South Haven was one of them.

"We have to show our support," she said. "We want to do what we can to bring awareness to such a critical subject."

Crawley said she was quite surprised with the number of people who came to the park to protest.

"This is beyond what I imagined," she said. "We filled up the park."

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ABOVE: South Haven Police Det. Ryan Myers, left, and Officer Denarie Melendez face protesters on Saturday in South Haven, and kneel on one knee to symbolize their opposition to unfair treatment of black people by police officers. **BELOW:** Protesters who took part Saturday in the Black Lives Matter march in South Haven are shown downtown, heading west on Phoenix Street toward the Huron Street pavilion to hear from city officials, including South Haven Police Chief Natalie Thompson, who denounced the death of black people by police. About 800 people marched from Elkenburg park to the downtown area.

Louise Wrege / HP staff

One of the participants in the Berrien Springs Peace Walk holds a sign remembering Breonna Taylor, a black medical worker who died shortly after midnight on March 13 in Louisville, Ky., when police did a no-knock search of her apartment.

South Haven Police Chief Natalie Thompson marched with the protesters all the way from the park to the Huron Street pavilion, where she and other city leaders told marchers that people of color need to be treated with respect and equality.

"We as a community guarantee the rights of our citizens. As a community we are all in this together," said Interim City Manager Kate Hosier. "We are here to listen and to learn."

Thompson went a step further by stating reforms need to be made with police agencies.

"We all share your anger over the death of Mr. Floyd," she told the crowd. "He is the most recent in a long list of people of color who have died at the hands of police, which is unacceptable. We are here to listen and learn the true impact these incidents have had on people of color. As a department we need to do better."

March this Saturday

Another march has been scheduled for Saturday, and is expected to start in St. Joseph and end in Benton Harbor. Organizers say it will start at 4 p.m. along Wayne Street, across from the Berrien County Jail. Marchers are expected to walk along the St. Joseph bluff before heading over the bridge into Benton Harbor, where the march will end at the Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park.

More information on the Benton Harbor & St. Joseph Peace March can be found on the event's Facebook page. It is being sponsored by a coalition of organizations and citizens in Berrien County.

Participants are asked to wear face masks and maintain social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Becky Kark, editor of The South Haven Tribune, contributed to this story.

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When protesters cry 'defund the police,' what does it mean?

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Protesters are pushing to "defund the police" over the death of George Floyd and other black Americans killed by law enforcement. Their chant has become a rallying cry – and a stick for President Donald Trump to use on Democrats as he portrays them as soft on crime.

But what does "defund the police" mean? It's not necessarily about gutting police department budgets. Still, some activists and lawmakers have also raised the possibility of completely disbanding police departments, clouding the more complicated message.

Jacquelyn Martin / AP

Demonstrators paint the words "defund the police" as they protest on Saturday near the White House in Washington, over the death of George Floyd, a black man who was in police custody in Minneapolis. Floyd died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers.

What is the 'defund the police' movement?

Supporters say it isn't about eliminating police departments or stripping agencies of all of their money. They say it is time for the country to address systemic problems in policing in America and spend more on what communities across the U.S. need, like housing and education.

State and local governments spent $115 billion on policing in 2017, according to data compiled by the Urban Institute.

"Why can't we look at how it is that we reorganize our priorities, so people don't have to be in the streets during a national pandemic?" Black Lives Matter co-founder Alicia Garza asked during an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Activists acknowledge this is a gradual process.

The group MPD150, which says it is "working towards a police-free Minneapolis," argues that such action would be more about "strategically reallocating resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and toward community-based models of safety, support, and prevention."

"The people who respond to crises in our community should be the people who are best-equipped to deal with those crises," the group wrote on its website.

What are lawmakers saying?

Sen. Cory Booker said he understands the sentiment behind the slogan, but it's not a slogan he will use.

The New Jersey Democrat told NBC's "Meet the Press" that he shares a feeling with many protesters that Americans are "over-policed" and that "we are investing in police, which is not solving problems, but making them worse when we should be, in a more compassionate country, in a more loving country."

Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said part of the movement is really about how money is spent.

"Now, I don't believe that you should disband police departments," she said in an interview with CNN. "But I do think that, in cities, in states, we need to look at how we are spending the resources and invest more in our communities.

"Maybe this is an opportunity to re-envision public safety," she said.

President Donald Trump and his campaign view the emergence of the "Defund the Police" slogan as a spark of opportunity during what has been a trying political moment. Trump's response to the protests has sparked widespread condemnation. But now his supporters say the new mantra may make voters, who may be otherwise sympathetic to the protesters, recoil from a "radical" idea.

Trump ramped up his rhetoric on the issue on Monday, tweeting: "LAW & ORDER, NOT DEFUND AND ABOLISH THE POLICE. The Radical Left Democrats have gone Crazy!"

Trump's 2016 campaign was built on a promise of ensuring law and order – often in contrast to protests against his rhetoric that followed him across the country. As he seeks reelection, Trump is preparing to deploy the same argument again – and seems to believe the "defund the police" call has made the campaign applause line all the more real for his supporters.

Is there any push to actually defund police departments?

Yes, or at least to reduce their budgets in some major cities.

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio said Sunday that the city would move funding from the NYPD to youth initiatives and social services, while keeping the city safe, but he didn't give details.

In Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti vowed to cut as much as $150 million that was part of a planned increase in the police department's budget.

A Minneapolis city councilmember said in a tweet on Thursday that the city would "dramatically rethink how we approach public safety and emergency response."

"We are going to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department," Jeremiah Ellison wrote. "And when we're done, we're not simply gonna glue it back together." He did not explain what would replace the police department.

A majority of the members of the Minneapolis City Council said Sunday they support disbanding the city's police department. Nine of the council's 12 members appeared with activists at a rally in a city park Sunday afternoon and vowed to end policing as the city currently knows it.

"It is clear that our system of policing is not keeping our communities safe," Lisa Bender, the council president, said. "Our efforts at incremental reform have failed, period."

Disbanding an entire department has happened before. In 2012, with crime rampant in Camden, New Jersey, the city disbanded its police department and replaced it with a new force that covered Camden County. Compton, California, took the same step in 2000, shifting its policing to Los Angeles County.

How have police officials and unions responded?

Generally, police and union officials have long resisted cuts to police budgets, arguing that it would make cities less safe.

The Los Angeles Police Protective League, the union for the city's rank-and-file officers, said budget cuts would be the "quickest way to make our neighborhoods more dangerous."

"Cutting the LAPD budget means longer responses to 911 emergency calls, officers calling for back-up won't get it, and rape, murder and assault investigations won't occur or will take forever to initiate, let alone complete," the union's board said in a statement last week.

"At this time, with violent crime increasing, a global pandemic and nearly a week's worth of violence, arson, and looting, 'defunding' the LAPD is the most irresponsible thing anyone can propose."

Thousands mourn George Floyd in Houston

By JUAN A. LOZANO and NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The last chance for the public to say goodbye to George Floyd drew thousands of mourners Monday to a church in Houston where he grew up, as his death two weeks ago continues to stoke protests in America and beyond over racial injustice, and spurred France to abruptly halt the use of police choke holds.

Reflecting the weight of the moment, the service drew the families of black victims in other high-profile killings whose names have become seared in America's conversation over race – among them Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Ahmaud Arbery and Trayvon Martin.

"It just hurts," said Philonise Floyd, George Floyd's brother, sobbing as he ticked off some of their names outside The Fountain of Praise church. "We will get justice. We will get it. We will not let this door close."

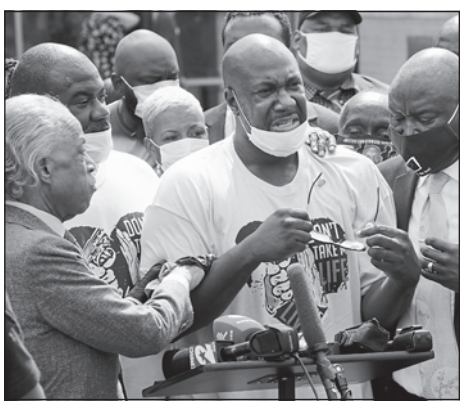
Under a blazing Texas sun, mourners wearing T-shirts with Floyd's picture or the words "I Can't Breathe" – the phrase he said repeatedly while pinned down by a Minneapolis police officer – waited for hours to pay their respects as Floyd's body, dressed in a brown suit, lay in an open gold-colored casket. Funeral home spokeswoman La'Torria Lemon said at least 6,000 attended the service.

Some knew Floyd in the nearby housing projects where he grew up. Others traveled hours or drove in from other states. Those who couldn't make it whipped up their own tributes: In Los Angeles, a funeral-style procession of cars inched through downtown as the viewing began in Houston. In Tennessee, residents of Memphis held a moment of silence.

"With this happening to him, it's going to make a difference in the world," said Pam Robinson, who grew up with Floyd and handed out bottled water to mourners waiting outside the church in Houston.

Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was among the first to view the casket, wearing a striped gold-and-crimson tie, the colors of Floyd's Houston high school, where Floyd was a standout football player.

"George Floyd is going to change the arc of the future of the United States. George Floyd has not died in vain. His life will be a living legacy about the way that America and Texas responds to this tragedy," Abbott said.



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Philonise Floyd, center, is comforted by the Rev. Al Sharpton, left, and attorney Benjamin Crump, right, at a news conference during a public visitation for his brother George Floyd at The Fountain of Praise church in Houston on Monday.

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27 Stray dog
28 — and outs
30 Hosp. personnel
31 Caesar's 3
32 Website suffix
33 — kwon do
35 Compete in a rodeo
36 Harvest time
39 Prickle (Var.)
40 Richer, as batter
41 Qantas mascot
42 Pour out
43 Grimy
44 Industry mogul
45 Ode writer
47 Move little by little
48 One-armed bandit
51 — Paulo
53 Compass pt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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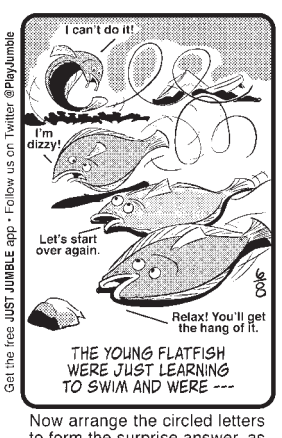
I can't do it!
I'm dizzy!
Let's start over again.
Relax! You'll get the hang of it.
THE YOUNG FLATFISH WERE JUST LEARNING TO SWIM AND WERE ---

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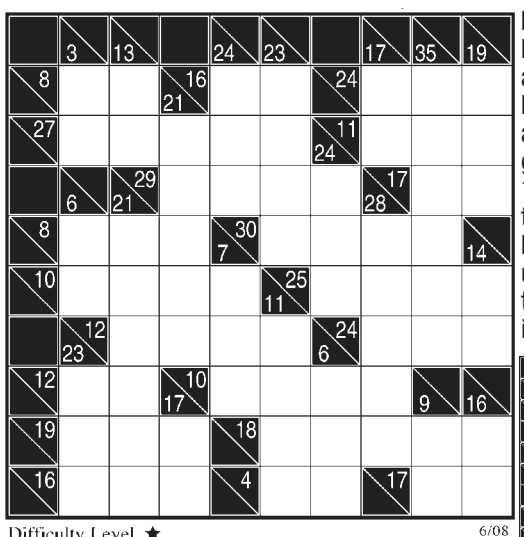
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

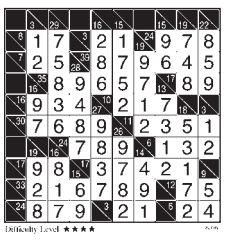
Saturday's Jumbles: QUEST LOGIC TARGET SUBURB
Answer: For the coins in the pinball machine, it was — CLOSE QUARTERS

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 6/08

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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BRIDGE

Here's another remark by Winston Churchill, about a political rival: "Occasionally he stumbled over the truth, but hastily picked himself up and hurried on as if nothing had happened."

Some bridge players, after making a mistake, move on to the next deal as if they had played perfectly. That is ideal, but others fret, allowing the blunder to distract their play on subsequent deals. Lucky players err in theory but do not pay, because the cards forgive them. In today's deal, though, declarer had to handle the trumps correctly to make his slam. What was the right way to play the heart suit for one loser?

North, on the first round of the auction, could have made a negative double, or responded two clubs, or, as she chose to do, cue-bid two spades to show exactly three-card heart support and at least game-invitational strength. (If she had had four or more hearts, she would have responded two no-trump, an excellent idea originally espoused by Andy Robson and Oliver Segal from England.) South made a strange help-suit game-try with three diamonds. When North control-bid four clubs, South used Roman Key Card Blackwood, then settled into six hearts.

After receiving a club lead, declarer saw that he had to take one spade, four hearts, two diamonds and five clubs. So he could afford to lose one trump trick, but not two. In this situation, the correct play was low to the nine first. Declarer would get home if East had either the heart king or the 10 and the jack (and there was no bad split).

North 06-08-20
♠ 9
♥ 7 4 3
♦ A K J 10
♣ A 10 9 8 6

West
♠ K J 8 7 5
♥ K 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 7 5 3

East
♠ 10 6 4 3
♥ J 10 8
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ 4 2

South
♠ A Q 2
♥ A Q 9 6 5
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

		7	3	1		2	8	6
	1	2		7			9	
3				8		7		
6	7	3			8	9		
	5	4		9		6	1	
		1	6			4	7	3
		5		6				9
	6			5		1	3	
1	2	9		3	4	5		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	9	2	8	7	3	1	4	5
1	7	3	6	4	5	9	2	8
8	4	5	1	2	9	3	7	6
7	5	6	2	8	1	4	3	9
9	1	8	5	3	4	2	6	7
3	2	4	9	6	7	5	8	1
2	6	9	4	1	8	7	5	3
5	8	7	3	9	2	6	1	4
4	3	1	7	5	6	8	9	2

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A hair-trigger from another disaster

Kathleen Parker

Forget about the charming days of partisan divide; we're now in a full-throttle battle for the soul of the nation.

Do I overstate? Perhaps, but I'm not sure overstatement is possible after the bedlam we've witnessed in the days since the asphyxiation-death of George Floyd while in police custody. Since that day, when a Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin held his knee to Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes, we've learned what mayhem looks like.

From the ashes of chaos, a narrative has taken shape that systemic racism is at the root of what happened to Floyd. A long and unchecked history of police killings of unarmed black men drives this narrative and many people are only now grasping its power for the first time.

Georgia jogger Ahmaud Arbery literally was hunted by three white swamp dwellers – a father-son duo (one, an ex-cop) and their neighbor – who rammed poor Arbery with a truck before shooting him three times. How should we process such inconceivable savagery?

Some may have found release in lighting fires, others in rioting and looting. It's impossible to know at this point what was organic and what was organized. It may not matter. But how we respond does matter. The election will likely turn on the outcome.

In some respects, I can sympathize with those city officials who allowed the looting to continue rather than risk confrontations that could result in more shootings and more dead bodies. Merchandise can be replaced, after all. People cannot. But, then, my business wasn't destroyed. What about the people who lost theirs?

The forces behind these events – whether trouble-making randos, committed resisters, the far-left Antifa, or cops that can't or won't intervene – have collectively managed to create a facsimile of what white supremacists have forever longed for: deep civil unrest. Those are conditions that benefit Donald Trump.

And just as importantly, who gets to talk? Not white people, apparently, unless they're willing to check their privilege at least in the view of some who demonstrate. The white-privilege meme continues to circulate on social media, often as an accusation. We need everyone in this conversation because fairness is a two way street.

Hysteria doesn't travel with reason. Recently, some voices have begun calling for the wholesale elimination of police departments. They're joking, right? Well, weirdly, no. Already, three Los Angeles city council members have filed a motion to cut the LA police department's budget by $100 million to $150 million for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

I tuned into MSNBC's Joy Reid Show on Thursday and tried to follow a discussion about rethinking the whole idea of law enforcement. What would the alternative be, exactly? Oh, right. Anarchy.

If things continue, we'll soon see greater insecurity on the part of some citizens who might welcome a National Guard presence. Or, more likely, we could see a rise in vigilantism, the threat of which is already visible in some cities where armed citizens – Second Amendment gauchos – are taking it upon themselves to "protect the citizenry," if not truly, then at least symbolically.

How soon before some homegrown soldier decides to open fire on a rioter vandalizing a building? We're a hair-trigger from another layer of disaster.

The authoritarian temptation is real for some and is a consequence that can only be avoided if protesters, with the help of police, rout out the anarchists and infiltrators, who tend to be mostly white. If the violence continues, so will the sentiment that this is a country out of control, and that only a law and order strongman can reel things back in.

The sentiments expressed by protesters are real; law enforcement reform is crucial going forward. Bad cops have to be exposed and removed. Chauvin was named in multiple misconduct complaints for various offenses of abuse or overreach. He should have been dismissed from his duties long ago. If he had been, George Floyd might still be alive. But we need police departments and the good cops who work there to stay.

All of this makes this moment the key turning point of 2020. If anarchists want to create a lawless environment for the further degradation of democracy, we must work together to stop them. It's worth pondering who would seek this result. Foreign actors, perhaps, as Attorney General William Barr has suggested? Whatever their identity, they either really want Trump to be reelected – or else, they're very, very dangerous. And perhaps both.

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Trump finds an unexpected center of resistance

Doyle McManus

The leaders of the American military establishment drew a line in the sand last week, staging a polite but unmistakable rebellion against the dangerous impulses of President Donald Trump.

And the rebels may be winning.

The most widely noted salvo came from former Defense Secretary James N. Mattis, who declared, after more than a year of silence, that Trump "does not even pretend to try" to unify the American people.

But Mattis wasn't the only dissident – or even the most important one.

Trump's Defense secretary, Mark Esper, rebuffed the president's threat to deploy active-duty soldiers into American cities to quell the protests that have erupted since the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis.

On Friday, Esper ordered regular Army units that were rushed to Washington early in the week to return to their bases in New York and North Carolina, de-escalating the sense of armed siege in the nation's capital.

He also directed National Guard troops to patrol the city without weapons, despite Trump's direction that they be "heavily armed."

Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also weighed in, warning that the U.S. armed forces will not allow themselves to be used against nonviolent protests.

Every member of the U.S. military swears an oath to support and defend the Constitution, he wrote his commanders, "including the right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly."

The chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force issued similar messages, reinforcing their fidelity to the Constitution and pledging to battle racism in their ranks.

A full-dress parade of retired officers spoke out as well. Milley's predecessor as chairman of the Joint Chiefs, retired Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, warned that Trump's threat to use troops would damage trust in the armed forces.

"Our fellow citizens are not the enemy," he wrote.

It was an extraordinary moment – as if we were in a banana republic ruled by a would-be authoritarian, and the nation's military leaders decided it was their job to preserve the Constitution.

The dissents from Esper and Milley were belated. They both accompanied Trump on his disastrous stroll to St. John's Episcopal Church for a photo op, an embarrassing image they're now trying to erase. They also both approved the initial decision to move 1,600 active-duty troops to bases near the capital.

But their public breaks with a notoriously vengeful president still qualified, at least in Washington, as modest acts of bureaucratic courage.

Unlike Mattis, they aren't retired. They're at the peak of their careers. They still face the daily challenge of managing the president's demands. Their reputations are still at the president's mercy.

At least, they were until last week. And that may be the point.

Esper and Milley have implicitly dared the president to fire them. That's not an especially unusual act in Washington – but it's normally done in private, where everyone can back down without fear of humiliation. It's almost never done in public.

Esper's defiance was especially notable since the former Raytheon lobbyist was widely viewed as a compliant aide-de-camp. He initially seemed to support Trump's call for troops last week and even referred to the streets of Washington as a "battle space," as if it were Fallujah or Kandahar.

But after he ran into massive resistance from the Pentagon officers' corps, he switched sides.

If there's anything uniformed officers hate, it's being ordered to use force to solve a political problem without clear military objectives. The current generation learned that in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In this case, they faced a nightmare scenario: U.S. combat troops clashing with unarmed American civilians exercising their legal right to protest.

The episode laid bare a deeper divide.

When the president came to the White House in 2017, he believed the armed forces, which he frequently called "my military," were part of his political base. He stuffed his administration with retired military officers – "my generals" – including Mattis.

But the generals didn't simply salute and carry out his orders. They insisted on offering their professional advice and, on occasion, pushing back.

And they chafed at Trump's casual portrayal of the armed forces as one of his personal political assets.

"I have the support of the police, the support of the military, the support of the Bikers for Trump – I have the tough people," the president bragged in 2019.

That's not how professional officers see their role. It's not even an accurate reflection of their private views; a poll of military personnel last year found that they are only a little more supportive of the president than civilian voters, with 50 percent saying they view him unfavorably.

For the generals, this isn't only about following the Constitution. It's a matter of protecting the services in which they've made their careers.

The military is the most admired institution in American life, and they want to keep it that way. As a practical matter, they want their massive budget requests to win support from Democrats as well as Republicans.

And since roughly 40 percent of service members are people of color, they know they must make diversity work.

A standoff with Esper and Milley poses an unusual challenge for Trump – especially when he's seeking reelection.

He reportedly doesn't want to fire them. But leaving them in place makes him look less than the strongman he aspires to be.

Nothing says "internal chaos" more clearly than Cabinet officers or top aides refusing to fully carry out the president's desires and publicly staking lines they will not cross.

But if you're worried that Trump might refuse to leave office if he loses the November election, this is a good thing: a signal that he can't count on the military to get his way. We're not a banana republic yet.

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Forewarnings of a disastrous Election Day

E.J. Dionne

All who rightly insist that remedying embedded racism and economic injustice will require winning elections must contemplate this possibility: Election Day 2020 could be a catastrophic mess.

And is there any doubt that a chaotic election would serve the interests of the chaos president? President Trump would challenge the results of such an election if he lost, and he could win it by blocking enough of those who oppose him from casting ballots.

Last Tuesday's primaries are a cautionary tale. They showed what can go wrong even in places that operate with the best will in the world.

Both the District of Columbia and Maryland hoped to push as much voting by mail as possible. It was an admirable instinct during a pandemic, but it didn't work out so well.

Writing in Slate, Mark Joseph Stern called primary day in the nation's capital "an unmitigated disaster." The Washington Post's Julie Zauzmer, Jenna Portnoy and Erin Cox reported that many are calling for election officials in both D.C. and Maryland "to resign after botched delivery of absentee ballots and hours-long waits at polling places left some voters disenfranchised."

A big problem in both places: optimism about voting by mail encouraged election officials to slash the number of polling places and voting centers – in Washington from the normal 143 to a mere 20. In Baltimore, a city with 296 precincts, there were only six election day voting sites.

One more thing: mail voting means that even efficient systems can take a long time to get to a final result. Mailed ballots typically count as long as they are postmarked on Election Day. This means votes are still flowing in a week after the election day. Americans need to be prepared for the possibility that because of mail voting we may not know the winner until well after Election night. Forewarning is the vaccine against the virus of Trump's voter fraud claims.

In Montgomery County, Maryland, where I live, our generally well-run government reported that less than a third of the vote had been counted three days after the election. If the presidential election is close, we could be waiting for days to know how, say, Arizona and Wisconsin voted – and thus to know the Electoral College winner. What wild things might Trump say during that interlude?

We need national action urgently.

Every state should make mail voting as easy as possible by sending ballots to every registered voter, to be returned with free postage. Limiting this option to selected groups, as Texas does, is discriminatory. That's why an appeals court decision Thursday ratifying Texas' approach was shameful.

But this is only the beginning. Whatever states do, the pandemic guarantees that there will be exponentially more mail ballots this year than ever before. This requires an infrastructure for delivering and receiving ballots that the states don't have now, as the experiences in Maryland and D.C. attest. The House recently passed a stimulus bill that contains $3.6 billion for states to make mail voting work. They need it.

Last Tuesday's experiences also show that we need far more polling places and drop-off centers, even with comprehensive mail voting.

My hunch is that Trump is resisting mail voting not because he thinks it will help Democrats, but because he wants to push as much of the vote as he can into Election Day. Why? Because the lines tend to be a lot longer in crowded cities that tilt Democratic than in rural areas that lean Republican.

In a nation already on edge about racial injustice, imagine the justified outrage if excessive wait times in predominantly African American precincts force many to give up on voting because their jobs do not allow them to wait hours to cast their ballots.

Imagine further if pro-Trump groups mount an active campaign to challenge voters unjustifiably and slow the voting process down even more. The lifting of a decades-old consent decree against the so-called "ballot security" measures undertaken by Republicans to suppress minority votes makes this dangerous mischief more likely.

But to have enough polling places, you need enough poll workers, and the pandemic will make them harder to find. We have long relied on retirees to perform this civic task, but seniors are now understandably reluctant to risk their lives checking people in.

So our nation needs to undertake a massive recruitment effort now, especially among younger people, to make in-person voting (and election day ballot drop-off facilities) function. AmeriCorps, our nation's underappreciated national service program, should be mobilized on behalf of democracy.

Our country is divided enough as it is, and our democracy cannot afford to turn Nov. 3 into a cataclysm. After last Tuesday, we can't say we weren't warned.

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Bonnie Pointer attends the 100th Anniversary of The Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., in 2012.

Bonnie Pointer of Pointer Sisters fame dies at 69

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bonnie Pointer, a Grammy-winning founding member of the Pointer Sisters, who was essential to the group's early success but left the group before most of their biggest hits, died Monday.

Pointer died of cardiac arrest in Los Angeles, publicist Roger Neal said. She was 69.

"It is with great sadness that I have to announce to the fans of the Pointer Sisters that my sister, Bonnie died this morning," sister Anita Pointer said in a statement. "Our family is devastated, on behalf of my siblings and I and the entire Pointer family, we ask for your prayers at this time."

The four Pointer sisters, Ruth, Anita, Bonnie and June, grew up singing in church in Oakland, California, where their father was a minister.

It was Bonnie, shortly after graduating high school, who first wanted to move out of church and into clubs to pursue a professional singing career.

"The Pointer Sisters would never have happened had it not been for Bonnie," Anita Pointer said in her statement.

She convinced younger sister June to join her, and the two began doing gigs together as a duo in 1969. Eventually they'd convince their two older sisters, who were already married with children, to join them.

The quartet brought unique fusion of funk, soul and 1940s-style jazz, scat and pop to their act, often dressing in a retro style that resembled their forerunners the Andrews Sisters.

They worked as backup singers for Taj Mahal, Boz Scaggs, Elvin Bishop and others before releasing their self-titled debut album was released in 1973, and the song "Yes We Can Can" became their breakout hit.

They followed up with "That's A Plenty," which featured an eclectic mix of musical styles ranging from jazz to country and pop. They won a Grammy Award in 1974 for best country vocal performance by a group for the song "Fairytale," which Bonnie co-wrote.

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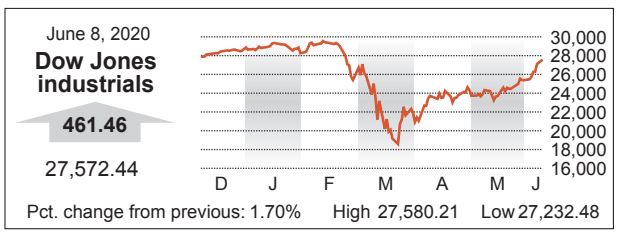

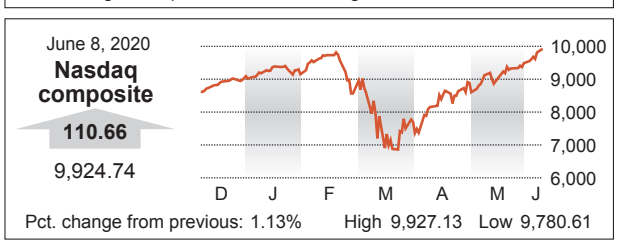

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	87.91	+2.40	+2.8	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	190.30	331.75	333.46	+1.96	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1143.80	-10.13	-0.9	▼	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	42.70	28.38	+.67	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.98	+1.54	+2.6	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	49.85	+.76	+1.5	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	43.12	+1.03	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	168.81	+2.09	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	127.28	+2.46	+2.0	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	93.73	+.83	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.93	54.74	+1.66	+3.1	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	24.77	+1.28	+5.4	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	37.91	+.31	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	7.53	+.19	+2.6	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	8.46	+.58	+7.4	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	255.85	256.77	+1.87	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	12.44	+.43	+3.6	▲	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	11.35	+.36	+3.2	▲	▲	▲
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Microsoft	MSFT	130.71	190.70	188.36	+1.16	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
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Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	57.73	+2.12	+3.8	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	44.56	36.59	+.60	+1.7	▲	▼	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	119.05	+.72	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	89.81	-.10	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	13.95	+.69	+5.2	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	206.00	-1.03	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	36.42	+1.32	+3.8	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	80.03	130.24	122.37	+.84	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	124.43	122.24	+.11	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	110.45	+3.80	+3.6	▲	▲	▲
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OBITUARIES

Catherine 'Cat' A. Berry

May 5, 1960 – May 22, 2020

Catherine "Cat" A. Berry, 60, of St. Joseph passed away on Friday, May 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Cat was born on May 5, 1960, in St. Joseph, to the late Jack and Patricia (Wenzler) Rybarczyk. She was a 1978 graduate of St. Joseph High School.

Cat worked in customer support at Whirlpool for about 14 years, retiring in 2015. She was always the life of the party, having a contagious laugh and being loved by all. Cat was an avid Green Bay Packers fan, following in her father's footsteps. She was also a NASCAR fan and a very good pool player. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

Cat is survived by her three sisters, Donna (Tim) Case, Debbie (Tom) Pearson and Jackie (Jon) Ruppel, all of St. Joseph; nieces, Jessica (Jason) Flowers, Joni Case, Tricia (Justin) Smith, Nicole (Dustin) Van Harn and Kali (Kyle) Abbott; a grandniece; five grandnephews; and many cousins.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ronald Lee Roberts

Nov. 18, 1959 – June 4, 2020

Ronald Lee Roberts, 60, of Stevensville passed away after a brief battle with cancer on June 4, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Ronald was born on Nov. 18, 1959, in St. Joseph, to Clois and Betty (Catania) Roberts.

He worked at the Taco Bell in Sawyer. Ronald graduated from Blossomland Learning Center in Berrien Springs, and worked through and with Gateway Services of Benton Harbor. He was an avid participant in the International Special Olympics, winning many medals and trophies with his bowling talents.

Among his many sources of enjoyment were the Game Show Network (GSN), Western movies, music, animals and people. He loved spending time with family, especially his brother-in-law, Michael. Ronald will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Ronald is survived by his mother, Betty Jane Roberts of Stevensville; sister, Pam (Michael) Zandarski Sr. of Baroda; brother, Clois Roberts Jr. of Stevensville; and a nephew, Terrell Morrison Jr. of Louisiana.

He is preceded in death by his father, Clois Roberts Sr.; grandparents, Frank and Isabelle (Davis) Catania and Richard and Hautencia (Fortson) Roberts; aunts, Mary Lou Catania Sonnichsen and Neomia Roberts Whitehead; uncle, Kermit Roberts; and many cousins and friends.

Private family services are being held, with a memorial service at a later date. Burial will take place in North Shore Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gateway Services in Benton Harbor or to Southwestern Michigan Humane Society.

William Brennan

Nov. 20, 1935 – June 5, 2020

William Brennan, 84, of Coloma passed away on June 5, 2020, at his home.

Per Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online can do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Bill was born Nov. 20, 1935, in Chicago, to Frances Brennan and Marjorie Keim.

He was a pipe fitter for Local 597 in Chicago, retiring in 1996. On Dec. 7, 1957, he married Nancy McCormack. Together they resided in Alsip, Ill., later purchasing a summer home on Paw Paw Lake, eventually making that home their permanent residence. Bill enjoyed the lake and woodworking. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his son, Kirk (Tammy) Brennan of Goodyear, Ariz.; his daughter, Jenny (Michael) Crews of Coloma; a sister, Sharon Ronzo of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Phil "Skip" Mohr of Pensacola, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Michelle (Corey Rasmussen) Brennan, Justin (Kristin) Bronkala, Michael (Lydia) Metz and Nick Metz. Also surviving is his great-granddaughter, Aubrie Bronkala; and beloved daughter-in-law, Debby Brennan.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, in 2012; and his son, Keith, in 1999.

Death notices

Kenneth Allen, 78: of Dowagiac died June 4, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Nancy (Zink) Armstrong, 76: of Benton Harbor died June 4, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Linda Beltz, 67: of Bridgman died June 6, 2020, at Brentwood Assisted Living, Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

William Brennan, 84: of Coloma died June 5, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

John Robert Checkley, 64: of Dowagiac died June 7, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

William Michael Cotter, 64: of Bridgman died June 5, 2020, at home. Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Michael Lee Crider, 50: of Berrien Springs died June 5, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Steven Roy Eagle, 54: died June 6, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Doris Lou Gast, 88: of St. Joseph died June 7, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Phyllis Jiles, 88: of Niles died June 7, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Eugene Lewis Evans, 88: of Watervliet died June 7, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Martha Jane Marshall, 76: of St. Joseph died June 6, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Virginia Puckett, 75: of St. Joseph died June 6, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Robert Michael Speybroeck, 57: of Bridgman died June 6, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

John Vergot, 94: of Stevensville died June 6, 2020 at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Mary Lou (Powell) Walters, 76: died May 22, 2020, at The Willows Assisted Living, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Nancy (Zink) Armstrong

June 23, 1943 – June 4, 2020

Nancy (Zink) Armstrong, 76, of Benton Harbor passed away peacefully on June 4, 2020, surrounded by her family.

Nancy was born in Millburg to Anna and Nicholas Zink on June 23, 1943. She was a graduate of Lakeshore High School, class of 1961. Nancy held a myriad of jobs over the years, including the activity director at Lakeland in Berrien Center, teaching job skills at Gateway Services, dog washing and grooming at Paw Mart in St. Joseph and much time training dogs through her own dog schooling in Holly Springs, Miss. In her free time, she loved to cook her favorite Pioneer Woman recipes, watch Chip and Joanna Gaines build homes and spend time with her loved ones. She made the best collard greens, sweet potatoes, "magic" chicken soup, banana bread and peanut butter pie. Nancy was a kind and loving soul with a bold attitude and was a fierce protector of those she loved. She enjoyed reading and bird watching and she rescued and adopted more animals over the years than she could count. She was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to her family, helping raise her younger brothers and grandchildren along with her two children.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Anna and Nicholas Zink; and her brothers, Nicholas, Frederick and James Zink.

Nancy is survived by her two children, Scott and Laura Bridwell; her brothers, Jack and Tom Zink; her grandchildren, Nathan (Amanda) Harris, Juliana (Charles) Kormanik and Tanya Oatsvall; her dogs, Holly and Prince; and her lifelong best friend, Judy Bancroft Rideout.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Road to Life Church, St. Joseph. Social distancing rules will be followed. Masks will be offered and are encouraged, but not required. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Animal Aid of St. Joseph in Nancy's name.

Getting it straight

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Fort Wayne artists paint murals on boarded storefronts

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Local artists are painting murals on storefront windows that were boarded up in downtown Fort Wayne during George Floyd protests to support the Black Lives Matter movement.

Fort Wayne resident Adam Garland reached out to 'Art This Way,' a public art program, to ask artists to come downtown and paint the plywood with "messages of hope and shift the focus from the negatives of the vandalism to the positivity of the message," according to Wane-TV.

"It's a way for the art community to create something beautiful out of something that's been very painful," said Garland, adding that it's also a platform available for artists to be able to vocalize their own thoughts and feelings about the protest and the Black Lives Matter movement.

"Inside of this painting I have a little girl blowing bubbles to the city of Fort Wayne," said painter Sederick Lorick. "The bubbles actually have butterflies coming out of them which show the new beginning for Fort Wayne and the United States. Hopefully, all of the violence and all of the madness can go away."

Most artists participating are from the Fort Wayne area. However, many are making the trip to Fort Wayne from other states to take part in the murals, according to the Downtown Improvement Districts.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Ten Lakeshore High School students who built an electric car will put their vehicle up against cars from 32 other Michigan high schools in the second annual race sponsored by the Great Lakes Electrathon Assoc. at a track near Jackson.

Gary Groat, auto mechanics and physics teacher, attended the 1994 race and decided it was something he should get involved in. With the aid of welding instructor Tom Kacynski, they formed the Auto Shop Club, consisting of about 10 students, which met on Tuesday evenings throughout the school year to design and build the racecar.

35 years ago – 1985

A jury of six women ruled that Donald and Eva Monk did not neglect their three children who were found last January in an old school bus that served as the family's home in a Berrien Center apple orchard. The verdict concluded a record 15-day trial in Berrien Probate Juvenile Court in St. Joseph, and allowed the Monks to regain custody of their three children.

Berrien Prosecutor Paul Maloney said as a result of the verdict, his office has filed a motion to dismiss criminal child cruelty charges against the parents.

50 years ago – 1970

David Hartenbach, 35, of Denver, was hired last night as Benton Harbor High School principal at a salary of $19,152.

Hartenbach, currently a principal of Regis High School, will take up duties here on June 17. His first assignment will be interviewing candidates for two vacant assistant principalships.

Six-feet four-inches tall, Hartenbach was a star basketball player and compiled a record of 37-5 in two years of high school coaching.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, June 9, the 161st day of 2020. There are 205 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 9, 2004, the body of Ronald Reagan arrived in Washington to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before the 40th president's funeral.

On this date:

In A.D. 68, Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide, ending a 13-year reign.

In 1954, during the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., asking: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

In 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.

In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.

In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
87°	71°	72° / 62°	70° / 61°	66° / 57°	65° / 59°

Local Outlook

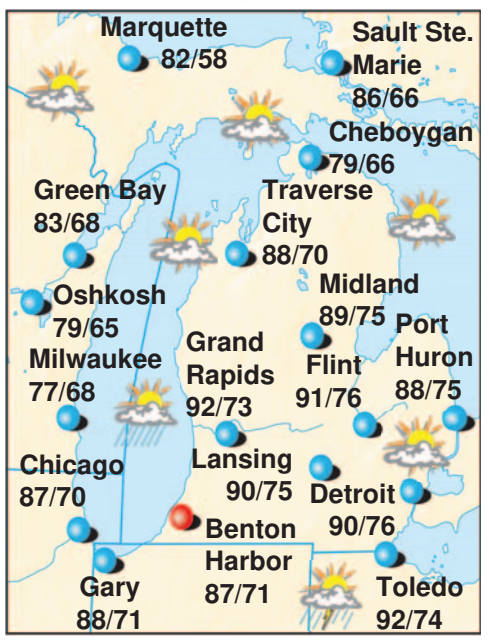
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers, high temperature of 87°, humidity of 52%. Southeast wind 8 to 23 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 71°. South southeast wind 20 to 23 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:09 a.m.
Sunset	9:20 p.m.
Moonrise	12:21 a.m.
Moonset	9:48 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
6/13	6/21	6/28	7/5

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	91°
Low	66°
Normal High	78°
Normal Low	56°
Record High	96° in 2011
Record Low	43° in 1998

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal for month	1.08"
Year to date	18.96"
Normal Year to date	14.06"

Air Quality

Yesterday	58
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

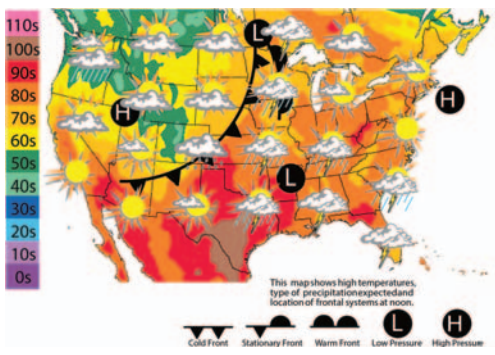
Weather Trivia

What is known as the "Dust Bowl"?

Answer: In the mid-1930s, hot and dry weather devastated the central United States.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for June 9, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ESE wind 9 to 16 kt, with gusts as high as 22 kt. Showers likely. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 63 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 11 to 16 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 70s and 80s. East southeast wind 3 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. South southwest wind 13 to 18 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s and 90s. Southeast wind 8 to 23 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien County Parks Director Brian Bailey is retiring after nearly 30 years working for the county. Bailey, a native of the Upper Peninsula, said he found a perfect career fit here in Berrien County.

Gov. Whitmer seeks disaster declaration after Midland dam failures

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press/Report for America

LANSING — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Monday she is requesting a federal disaster declaration for the Midland area, where a failure of two dams destroyed 150 houses and caused more than $200 million in damage.

Under a disaster declaration, Whitmer said she hopes to gain Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance as soon as possible to provide a wide range of service such as crisis counseling, road repairs and loans to homeowners.

"We're going through something unlike anything any of us have seen in our lifetime and yet here we are," Whitmer said. "Getting back to normal is going to be a Herculean undertaking, but with the federal government's help we can get it done and we will."

BAILEY

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My mom was from Lansing, so folks would visit us from there. My dad would take us hunting and fishing in Canada on Lake Superior.

And my cousins are part of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians in Leelanau County (near Sleeping Bear Dunes). I'm half Native American. Being outdoors is awesome.

My dad and I and uncles hunted around there. Now my son and I go there regularly and go deer hunting and squirrel hunting. The four of us, my wife, son and daughter, like to go up there. My daughter is more of a sightseer. She's a photographer.

I just think it's neat that my career supported the environment and the outdoor heritage similar to the Native American beliefs.

What brought you to Berrien County?

After graduating from college (at Western Michigan University), I was a park ranger in Delta Township, which is just outside the west side of Lansing. It was a summer seasonal position. The job came open in Berrien County at Madeline Bertrand. I had never been down to Berrien County except driving through on I-94 to get to Chicago. I interviewed and the manager and I, Jay Dean, who's still there, we just clicked. We had a lot of fun. I became an assistant park manager at Madeline Bertrand. In 1993, I became the first parks manager of Silver Beach.

How did you help develop Silver Beach?

I came on board in 1990 and Randy Rood was the parks director. Randy was just about to take title of Silver Beach in 1990.

We need to talk about the importance of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. LECO Corp. owned Silver Beach at the time. They wanted it to become a public park. Randy was successful enough in the late 1980s to acquire a $3 million Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant. And that grant was matched 25 percent by donation from LECO. The county had to pay closing costs and environmental assessment costs, which is all standard. It was very minimal costs from the county to acquire a $4 million piece of property.

His right-hand person was Mark Huebner, the parks operations manager. Those guys burned the midnight oil making the acquisition with the trust fund. That was the largest trust fund grant ever at the time. It's 22 acres on Lake Michigan at the mouth of the St. Joe River near downtown. What a special place.

Randy developed the master plan for Silver Beach. By the time I was named the Silver Beach parks manager in 1993, phase one of Silver Beach was done and phase two was the Shadowland Pavilion and some additional sidewalk and lighting in 1995. Phase three, that came about in 2015 when we put in the new restroom building by the pier and the sidewalk that goes on the lake side of the dune. We put in power in the parking lot for special events so we're not running extension cords all over the place. It was a $600,000 project and half of it came from the trust fund.

Many parks that you don't even realize are acquired or developed by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Silver Beach and Galien River County Park are prime examples. There's money from the trust fund in Lion's Beach, Jean Klock Park, Maiden Lane Park in St. Joe Township. It all has to be matched 25 percent by donations or taxpayer dollars. It is important for all parks around the state of Michigan.

Do you plan to stay in Berrien County?

Yes. My wife was born and raised in Berrien County. I met Amy in 1993 and we got married in 1995. In fact, our kids went to the same elementary school she did – E.P. Clarke, which is really cool.

After 30 years, my roots are here. We really love it here. When you grow up on Lake Superior like I did, you want to be near a lake. What Berrien County has to offer, with all the recreation, the cross country skiing, it has four seasons. For an outdoor enthusiast, it's a great place to be.

What was the highlight of your career?

All of the parks are outstanding. To be able to develop Galien River County Park is a highlight. That tree canopy walkway is unique. To be able to transform some industrial property in Watervliet, which is now the Paw Paw River County Park, is another highlight. The amount of activity and use of the Paw Paw park is very special because it's a lot of families and children. We've expanded Love Creek.

There used to be a lot of questions about why do we need more property for the parks. Now, they see the importance of parks in promoting health and fitness in the area. Businesses would say, "Keep doing what you're doing, Brian. We're having a difficult time recruiting the young people." There's competition out there for young workers.

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ST. JOSEPH

City commissioners: We stand for equality

Mayor vows to 'learn and listen'

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph City Commission is joining people all over the nation in their cries for justice, after the death of George Floyd.

Mayor Mike Garey opened the city commission meeting Monday by reading a statement from the panel "mourning the unjustifiable death of George Floyd and the need to stand with those who seek justice and to take an active role in acknowledging and eliminating systemic racism."

Floyd, a black man, died in Minneapolis after a white police office held his knee on the man's neck for nearly eight minutes. The officer has been fired and charged with murder. Other officers who looked on while Floyd took his last breaths also face charges.

Protests and marches have taken place all over the the nation, some peaceful, some erupting into rioting. So far, marches in Berrien County have been peaceful.

"Our hearts go out to Minneapolis and we join them in their cries for justice and an end to systemic racism," Garey read from the statement. "We realize and accept that this is not about one bad police officer, but about hundreds of years of obstruction and racism. We all must bear the burden, and I'm asking you to take an active role."

Commissioners Laura Goos, Peggy Getty, Lynn Todman and Jeffrey Richards thanked the mayor for reading the statement, and all vowed to do their part.

"I stand committed shoulder to shoulder with those who are outraged and I commit to action," Goos said. She said she is saddened and joins the nation in its collective grief over what happened to Floyd, but is heartened by the peaceful gatherings that have taken place.

Todman, who is black, said when she first came to the city in 1995 it was "a very isolating place" for her and her family. Todman said she is proud to be part of the St. Joseph City Commission and said she has been exchanging ideas, talking with other cities about what's working and what's not.

Commissioners said they are not certain at this point what their efforts will look like, but Garey said he wants to connect with Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad.

"What are their needs? How can we help? I need to learn and listen. The goal is to develop a culture that can turn this around. It won't happen overnight. We're talking about a thoughtful and long-term effort," the mayor said.

A few residents, attending Monday's meeting by Zoom, asked what they can do to help.

"We are committed to coming up with actual steps. This will not be put on a shelf. We're looking for people to get involved, and we can set up a means of communication," Garey responded.

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Watervliet hires new high school principal

Plan is forming for a return to in-school classes

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

WATERVLIET — Watervliet High School has a new principal after going an entire school year without one.

The Watervliet school board hired Christina Powers as the new principal Monday night. She will start in the position on July 1.

Powers comes to Watervliet after being principal for 10 years at Union City High School in Union City, Mich.

Powers was chosen out of 17 applicants.

Watervliet Curriculum Director Susan Toothman has been serving as high school principal since the beginning of the school year last fall after previous principal, Brad Coon, left for another job.

Toothman said Powers was a strong candidate and that she is very excited to have Powers on board.

In other business, the school board approved the 2020-2021 school calendar.

The district will begin school on Aug. 31, in conjunction with most of the schools in the county, according to Superintendent Ric Seager.

Seager said the district is creating plans and contingencies for the return to school in the fall, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the option he thinks that's being favored right now among area school officials is fully returning to school with precautions, including screening kids at the door for signs of illness.

"And if we have (COVID-19) exposure in the district we close and go from there," he said.

Seager said the district is working on some remote learning options for parents who don't want their kids to return to school until a COVID-19 vaccine is created.

He said Berrien County superintendents are meeting weekly and will make a plan that is similar in all districts. He estimates a final plan will be revealed by the end of June.

Watervliet has set its high school graduation for July 24, with the rehearsal and senior cookout on July 23.

"We're trying to stick with the same traditions and opportunities the kids usually have, just a month and a half later than usual," Toothman said.

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GEARING UP FOR FREE FISHING WEEKEND

Don Campbell / HP staff

A fisherman works the waters of Lake Michigan off the end of the North Pier in St. Joseph on Monday afternoon. All fishing license fees will be waived in Michigan this Saturday and Sunday for residents and out-of state visitors on inland lakes and the Great Lakes, as part of the 2020 Free Fishing Weekend for summer. Fishing regulations will still apply.

IN BRIEF

Berrien, Cass record COVID-19 deaths over weekend

Berrien County recorded three additional COVID-19 deaths since Friday. The county now has 56 deaths.

The county gained 14 COVID-19 cases since Friday, along with eight new recoveries. Berrien County now has recorded 661 total cases, with 544 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries factored in, Berrien County has about 61 active COVID-19 cases. Last Monday the county listed 94 active cases.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating two COVID-19 patients as of Monday morning, three less than on Friday.

Berrien County now has had 3.73 percent of its tests coming back positive. As of last week the county had about 6 percent of its tests coming back positive.

In addition another death was recorded in Cass County over the weekend, bringing its number of deaths to four.

It also added seven COVID-19 cases since Friday, bringing its cumulative number of cases to 95.

Van Buren County added five COVID-19 cases since Friday, bringing its total to 156.

Cass County has about 3 percent of its tests coming back positive, while Van Buren County is now at about 4 percent.

Lakeshore fears $1.8M cut next school year

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — The Lakeshore school district is preparing for a possible $1.8 million cut in state funding for the next fiscal year, Superintendent Phil Freeman told trustees Monday.

He said state legislators held a Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference last month, and the news is not good. State revenues are expected to drop due to the state economy being hobbled by state action to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Bars and restaurants were allowed to reopen indoor seating on Monday with limited capacity. Hair salons are being allowed to reopen next week.

Freeman said some officials are estimating that the per pupil funding could be cut by $652 per student. Another revenue estimating conference is set for August.

But that won't help school districts, which have to pass balanced budgets by the end of the fiscal year, on June 30. The end of the state's fiscal year is Sept. 30.

Freeman said the state could take money out of the current fiscal year budgeted revenue. He said it's impossible to cut that much money out of the current year's budget, since the fiscal year is almost over. In that event, money will have to come out of the district's fund equity balance.

"If we took that hit of $1.8 million all in one year, that would take us to a reduction of less than 6 percent in fund equity if that proration would come this school year," he said. "That would be devastating, remembering that if fund balances fall below 5 percent in either of the two most recent completed school fiscal years, we're required to jump through a lot of hoops with the state."

He said that's because districts with less than 5 percent fund equity are considered to be in financial distress.

Freeman said his administrative staff have identified $1.5 million in cuts for the 2020-21 year, but he's not making them public unless absolutely necessary. Freeman said he's hoping the state can land additional federal money to mitigate the loss of revenue.

The superintendent said the school board will hold a special meeting near the end of the month to approve a final budget. On top of that, he said district officials are uncertain whether some parents will keep their children home from school in the fall due to fears of COVID-19. If enrollment drops, Freeman said that would be even less money coming in to the school district.

He added, of course, that every school district is dealing with this type of extreme uncertainty.

Athletes return

Life is going to start returning to normal for some Lakeshore High School students on Monday, as some athletes will be allowed to start practicing on school property.

But Freeman said it won't be the normal they are used to, as the school district strives to keep them from possibly spreading the coronavirus.

"They'll have an opportunity to do some conditioning under some very specific guidelines that were sent out by the Michigan High School Athletic Association," he said after the board meeting Monday.

He said those guidelines include social distancing, using your own water bottles, and sanitizing equipment between uses. This will be the first time since March 13 that students are allowed into the school buildings for an activity.

"People are itching to get back into the swing of things," Freeman told trustees during the meeting. "I will tell you that I told our coaches that people are watching and that's why we need to follow the safest protocols that we can, because we have to set the tone that when we get back to school, we're creating an environment that's going to be as safe as possible."

New trustee

During the meeting board trustees appointed Jay Meeth as the newest trustee, after interviewing four candidates. Meeth will take the place vacated by Melissa Essig, who is moving to Arizona for a new job.

Meeth and his wife, Elizabeth Meeth, have two children in the district. Elizabeth Meeth is on the board of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, which raises money for the district.

Jay Meeth told trustees during his interview that there is nothing more important to children than their education.

"It's a real way to level the playing field for our young people and to make sure we set them up to success for life," he said.

Meeth will fill the position until elections are held in November. The deadline to register for open board seats is 4 p.m. July 21.

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Four Winds Casinos announces precautions and procedures

Casinos plan to reopen on Monday

By HP STAFF

DOWAGIAC — The Pokagon Gaming Authority has announced that all of its Four Winds Casinos locations in Michigan and Indiana will reopen to the public next Monday at noon.

"Each casino location has implemented changes to their amenities and services to help protect the health and safety of guests and employees, and will continue to provide an enjoyable entertainment experience," a news release stated.

Customers will notice some changes once they enter a resort.

Guests will be required to wear face masks, plus they will be screened using touchless temperature check technology. The age of guests will be restricted to those 21 and older, as some non-gaming amenities will be closed. The number of active slot machines has been reduced. Also, in some cases chairs and machines have been moved, while very popular games have plexiglass dividers to help ensure social distancing guidelines. There will also be reduced seating at table games.

Additional cleaning teams have been added in every area of the casinos with a focus on frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces. All Four Winds team members will also be washing and sanitizing their hands more frequently, the release said.

Dining venues will be limited with seating and hours of operation. Buffets will be closed.

In addition: Masks will be worn by all employees; additional signage containing COVID-19 prevention and social distancing reminders with be posted throughout each casino location; rescheduled entertainment will be announced as dates are confirmed; valet and group shuttle service will not be offered.

For more details, visit www.fourwindscasino.com.

The Pokagon Gaming Authority closed the casinos on March 17 as the coronavirus spread across the state and nation.

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 9

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners	The Conners	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Genetic Detective (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS Gibbs befriends his new neighbors.		FBI A college student's body is found.		FBI: Most Wanted "Ride or Die" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Auditions 3" Variety acts audition. (N) CC				:01 World of Dance "The Qualifiers 3" (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen "Tower of Terror"		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Moments to Remember (My Music) 1950s and '60s hits. CC					Memory Rescue With Daniel Amen	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	DC's Stargirl Pat's suspicion is piqued.		Jim Gaffigan: Noble Ape ('18) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "True or False"		Chicago P.D. "Hit Me" CC		Chicago P.D. CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	DC's Stargirl Pat's suspicion is piqued.		Jim Gaffigan: Noble Ape ('18) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Life is a Highway"		Highway to Heaven "We Have Forever"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Red Brick; Last Kiss"		The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) CC		The First 48 "Dead Wrong" CC	
AMC	:02 NOS4A2	:07 ★★★ Beetlejuice ('88, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin. CC				:07 ★★★ The Karate Kid ('84) CC	
Animal	Alaskan	Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Homestead Rescue	
BET	6:00 Waiting to Exhale			Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club			
Big Ten	Rutgers	Rutgers		Rutgers		Rutgers Basketball	
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules "Reunion Part 1"		Vanderpump Rules "Reunion Part 2" (N)		Watch What	Vanderpump Rul
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	The Last Exorcism	★★ Greta ('18, Suspense) Isabelle Huppert. (P). CC			:40 ★★★ Unfaithful ('02) Richard Gere, Diane Lane. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC		The Profit CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N) CC		American Chopper "The Last Ride" (N) CC			
Disney	Sydney	Sydney	Coop	Coop	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby
DIY	Holmes	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	:00 Boxing Shakur Stevenson vs. Felix Caraballo. (N) (L)						
ESPN2	:00 NBA2K League Week 6, Day 1. (N) (L)						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 23, 1981.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Tigers Classics					
Freefrm	6:30 ★★★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off ('86, Comedy) CC			★ 10 Things I Hate About You ('99, Comedy) Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles. CC			
FX	:00 ★★★ The Wolf of Wall Street ('13, Biography) Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. A stockbroker develops habits of excess and corruption. CC						
Golf	Golf	World Long Drive Tour CC				Long Drive	
Hallmark	Summer Rom.	Country at Heart ('20, Romance) Jessy Schram, Niall Matter. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:20 Axios CC	★★★ Long Shot ('19, Romance-Comedy) Seth Rogen, Charlize Theron. CC				I May Destroy You	:40 Insecure
History	Lost Gold	Lost Gold-WWII		Lost Gold-WWII		Drilling Down	
HGTV	Bones	Good Bones (N)		Good Bones CC		Bargain Mansions	
Learning	7 Little	Outdaughtered		Outdaughtered (N)		Counting On	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	★★ 27 Dresses ('08) Katherine Heigl, James Marsden, Malin Akerman. CC				Power of Women: Frontline Heroes	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom OG (N)		Special	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic From Jan. 22, 2010.					White
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest	
Nick	Sponge.	Dylan	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Heroes	Brothers		The Civil War (N)		Mt. St. Helens	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Get My Cigarettes"		Chicago P.D. "The Weigh Station"		Chicago P.D. CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ Ghostbusters ('84) Bill Murray. CC					Ghost II
Showtime	★★ Real Steel ('11)	Ray Donovan "Bridget" CC		City on a Hill CC		★★★ Clear and Present Danger	
Starz	6:53 ★★★ Out of Sight ('98) George Clooney. CC			8:58 Hightown "B.F.O." CC		9:59 ★ I Love You, Beth Cooper	
STZENC	:33 ★ The Animal ('01, Comedy) Rob Schneider. CC			★★ Accepted ('06) Justin Long, Jonah Hill. CC			Wet Hot Smmr
SyFy	6:30 ★★★ Edge of Tomorrow ('14) Tom Cruise. CC			★★★ The Fifth Element ('97) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman, Ian Holm. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)
TCM	Holly-wd-Home	★★★ Kings Row ('42, Drama) Ann Sheridan, Ronald Reagan. CC (DVS)				:15 ★★★ Edge of Darkness	
TMC	Officer-Gentle	★★★ The Hours ('02, Drama) Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman. CC				★★★ Big Fish ('03) (P).	
TNT	Pirates	★★ The Legend of Tarzan ('16) CC (DVS)					Kong
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Dirty John "Marriage Encounter" (N)	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	6:00 ★★★ The Bourne Identity			★★★ The Bourne Supremacy ('04, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. CC			Bourne Ulti.

Triangle full of drama started as a crush in middle school

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: In middle school, I had a crush on a boy. He didn't even know I existed. Through a chance meeting many years later, he noticed me, but there were complications. He didn't know how to tell his ex it was too late for her, and it became a love triangle. She saw the error of her ways and left. He and I have been together ever since. He still talked to her as they had been friends forever, but two months ago he stopped.

Meanwhile, through all of this, she has been cyber-stalking and manipulating me. She has created multiple Facebook accounts to torture me, sent me a video of my boyfriend doing sexual things and tried to make me believe it was current. (It was five years old.)

He cut off contact with her, and it was glorious until last week, when she helped him get back in touch with his son, whom he hasn't seen in 10-plus years. I see it for the manipulation it is, but he sees it as her redemption. He doesn't care that it hurts me, and he refuses to get rid of her.

She has slandered me all over Facebook, and I don't think he should expect me to be OK with this or for him to even WANT a person like that in his life. He was AMAZING without her influence. How do I get him back to that person? I miss him so much! – Anguished In Arizona

DEAR ANGUISHED: Let me get this straight. This man cheated on his ex with you, and you expected her to play fair? I wish you had mentioned why your boyfriend hasn't seen his son in more than 10 years. It might have been the most interesting paragraph in your letter. Were he and his ex married? Just living together while she was "in denial"?

From where I sit, she is doing everything she can to fight for "her man." He appears to have fences to mend with his son and with her, and you may have to accept it. It looks like he has already made up his mind about that, and unless you can accept it, your romance will be over. Only you can decide whether staying with this person is worth the drama.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law moved into the house next door three years ago. While I enjoy her company and like her as a person, I'm having difficulty expressing my frustration with one particular issue.

I have a beautiful hedge that separates our driveways and provides privacy. She regularly leaves her garbage can lids on top of my hedge as well as various other things she's discarding (eventually). Today I noticed a large portion of the shrub showing what appears to be a chemical burn. (She has been known to use toxic chemicals to rid her yard of weeds, etc.) I don't want to offend her, but at the same time, I'm struggling to find the words to properly address my desire for her to mind the property line. Help! – Related To My Neighbor

DEAR RELATED: This is something you should have addressed when the problem started. Approach her calmly and say something like this: "It bothers me that you leave your trash can lids and other items on my hedge. When you do, it makes me feel disrespected. Something you left on the hedge has damaged it. My hedge was expensive to install, and this is upsetting me. Please don't do it again."

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My in-laws assume their son makes more money than I do. It's not true!

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband, "Bill," heads a research lab at an academic institution. We met when I was working there my first year out of college. He stayed in academia and I moved on to the biopharmaceutical industry; I'm now head of manufacturing at a small company.

My in-laws believe that Bill's Ph.D. means his job is much more important and lucrative than mine when actually I make quite a bit more than he does. We never felt the need to correct them, but my mother-in-law has been a royal pain about me working ever since I had my daughter, "Sara," two years ago. I recently got an earful about how I'm neglecting my daughter, how I don't need to work with Bill's salary and so on. I usually let this go since I'd work whether we needed the money or not, but I'd had a miserable, stressful couple of weeks and I snapped and told her to talk to her son, since I'm the main breadwinner and he should be the one to stay home.

Of course she doesn't believe I make more money since I "only" have my master's, and she told Bill I was telling lies about him. Bill is now ticked off at me because he says his dad would be "devastated" to know that I out-earn him.

Should I go along with what my husband wants and tell my mother-in-law I made a mistake, and of course Bill makes more money? If I do this Bill has promised to get her to lay off me, but the truth caused all this trouble – will a lie fix it? – Breadwinner

DEAR BREADWINNER: The truth did *not* cause this problem! Your in-laws' sexism did, with a hard assist from their delusions. And from their son. Wow.

You say Bill is "ticked off at me" – not his parents – and he's offering to back you up only if you lie for him. He is angry at exactly the wrong party.

You can certainly apologize for losing your composure, and using the truth as a weapon. And you can spend some time exploring your own mind for the reasons you played along with this twisted charade.

But the solution is not to lie the truth back into a box in the closet. The truth is out, so, *own it*. Live it. For yourself, for your child, for The Cause and, ultimately, for your marriage.

Tell Bill you're not going to be part of a lie anymore. You'll love him, encourage him, support him emotionally as he stands up to his parents and takes a universe of flak for it, but you will not lie for him to appease anyone – especially not people who are so eager to diminish your value just to reinforce their own ignorance and self-satisfaction. And diminish *his* value, by measuring only in terms of pay. Enough.

If Bill is ready to die on this big fat lie of a hill, then it's probably time for a marriage counselor. (Suitably credentialed to garner his respect!)

RE: THE LIE: I'm thinking your in-laws didn't assume Bill made more than you. He TOLD them so. That's why he wants you to salvage his lie. – Anonymous

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Stick
5 Pekoe, e.g.
8 Retreat
12 Lox locale
13 Skirt border
14 Fibber
15 Bookstore section (hyph.)
17 Green pods
18 Familiar digit
19 Suit coat features
21 Pile up
24 Wire gauge
25 Apply henna
26 Boating pronoun
27 Chewed the scenery
30 Jacques' pals
32 Ames inst.
33 At close quarters
37 Zany one
38 Crestfallen
39 Staffer
40 Polite address
43 Give silent assent
44 Not delay
47 Crooner — Damone
48 Board game
50 Noisier
52 "The Tell-Tale Heart" penner
53 Zenith
54 Secret
59 Barber-shop item
60 Roadster
61 Casino cubes
62 Starr and Kyser
63 Explosive letters
64 Area of London

DOWN
1 NFL scores
2 Micro-scopic
3 Down with the flu
4 Presents
5 "Of — I Sing"
6 Sushi bar selection
7 Largeness
8 Dud
9 Delighted in
10 Premature
11 Backspace on a PC
16 Garden shed item
20 Ginger —
21 Crazed captain
22 Written reminder
23 Grand Canyon st.
24 Stained-glass art
28 Send the wrong way
29 Forensic sci. tool
31 Roman sun god
34 One, in Dresden
35 Uproars
36 Some wines
41 Blvd.
42 Glasgow citizen
44 Alas and —
45 Winter drink
46 Stomach
49 Takes advice
51 Rookie socialites
52 Sweet wine
55 — Juan
56 Carioca's home
57 Berlin pronoun
58 Business VIP

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

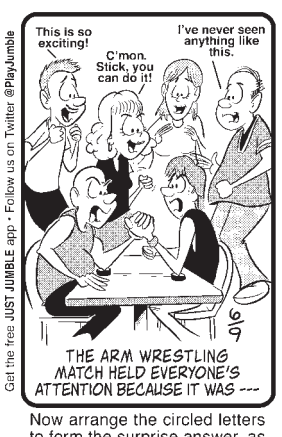
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PGORN

PEGIR

PROEHG

ITVNEI


This is so exciting!
C'mon. Stick, you can do it!
I've never seen anything like this.
THE ARM WRESTLING MATCH HELD EVERYONE'S ATTENTION BECAUSE IT WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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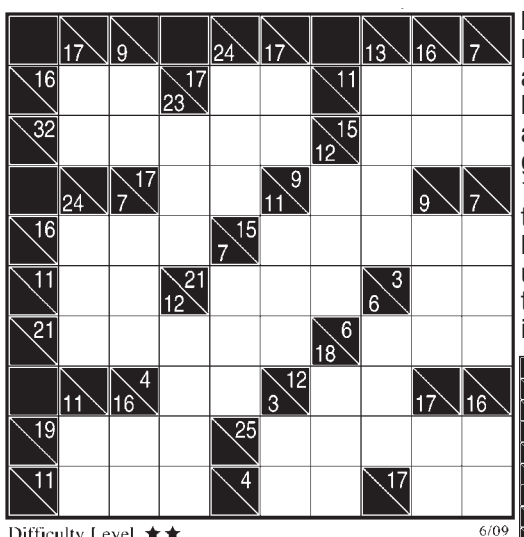
Print answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

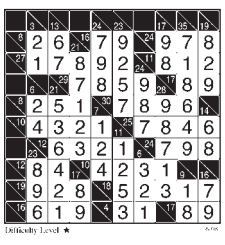
Yesterday's Jumbles: ERROR GOURD WINNER FLOPPY
Answer: The young flatfish were just learning to swim and were — FLOUNDERING

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★ 6/09



BRIDGE

Jeffree Star, a makeup artist, said, "If you wear bold, bright clothes, you can't have a bad day."

So that is the secret of success at the bridge table – dazzle your opponents.

I was soberly dressed when this deal occurred. Look only at the South hand. You open one diamond, West overcalls one spade, partner passes, and East advances with two hearts. What would you do now?

When I first saw my hand, I was hoping for a fun auction to some stratospheric level. But those dreams were soon dashed. Still, I thought I saw a chance for a coup. I jumped to three no-trump!

As I anticipated, that was passed out. West led the heart seven, and my dummy appeared with the heart king. Wonderful! Two hearts and seven diamonds for contract bid and made. But just in case West had a diamond void, I took the first trick with my heart ace and cashed the diamond ace. If West had pitched, I would have crossed to the heart king and returned a diamond to my 10.

But it wasn't West who discarded, it was East! That was so unfair.

Now I was wishing I had taken the first trick on the board and retained my heart ace as an entry. But it wouldn't have helped much. West could have shifted to clubs, and the defenders could have taken one diamond, four clubs and two spades for down three.

At four tables, South had rebid three diamonds over two hearts, West had doubled for penalty, and East had trustingly passed. That contract was unbeatable. The defenders took only two spades (note dummy's useful 10), one heart and one diamond.

North 06-09-20
♠ 10 7 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ J 9 8 5 4

West
♠ A Q 9 6 3
♥ 7
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ A Q 3

East
♠ 8 4
♥ Q J 10 9 5 4
♦ —
♣ K 10 7 6 2

South
♠ K J 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ A K Q 10 5 4 3
♣ —

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♥
??			

Opening lead: ♥ 7

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

3				4	2			6
2			3	9			5	
	5	9			7	3		
5	1				4			3
8	2		9	1	3		6	5
4			2				7	8
		5	4			7	3	
	4			3	8			9
7			1	5				4

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	4	7	3	1	9	2	8	6
8	1	2	5	7	6	3	9	4
3	9	6	4	8	2	7	5	1
6	7	3	1	4	8	9	2	5
2	5	4	7	9	3	6	1	8
9	8	1	6	2	5	4	7	3
7	3	5	2	6	1	8	4	9
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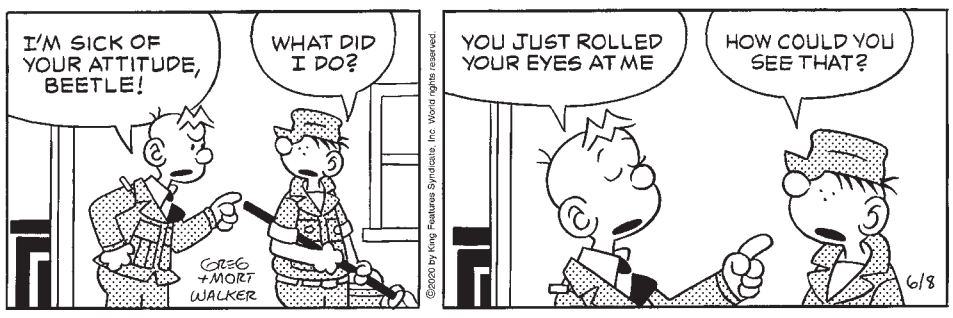
BEETLE BAILEY


I'M SICK OF YOUR ATTITUDE, BEETLE!
WHAT DID I DO?
GREG + MORT WALKER
YOU JUST ROLLED YOUR EYES AT ME
HOW COULD YOU SEE THAT?
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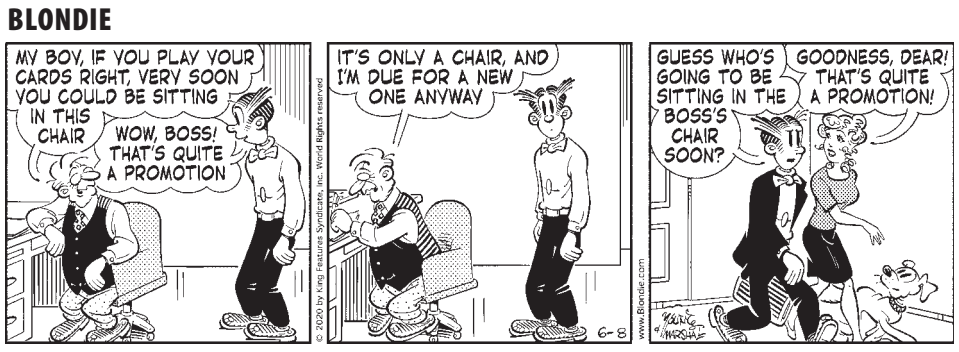
MY BOY, IF YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT, VERY SOON YOU COULD BE SITTING IN THIS CHAIR
WOW, BOSS! THAT'S QUITE A PROMOTION
IT'S ONLY A CHAIR, AND I'M DUE FOR A NEW ONE ANYWAY
GUESS WHO'S GOING TO BE SITTING IN THE BOSS'S CHAIR SOON?
GOODNESS, DEAR! THAT'S QUITE A PROMOTION!
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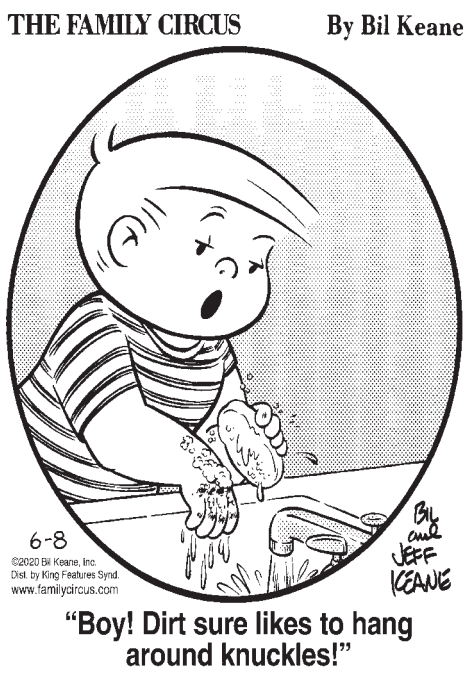
FAMILY CIRCUS



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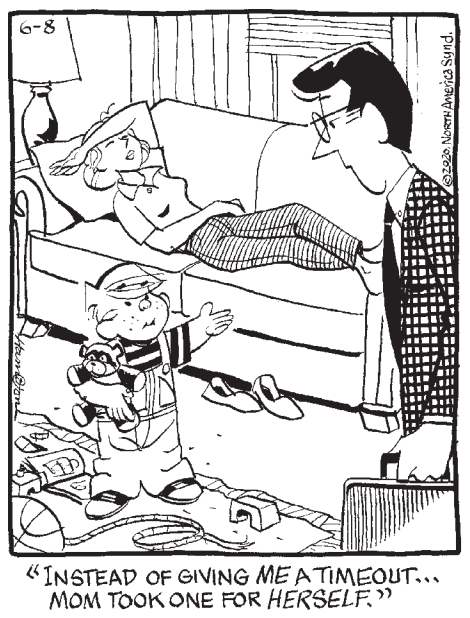

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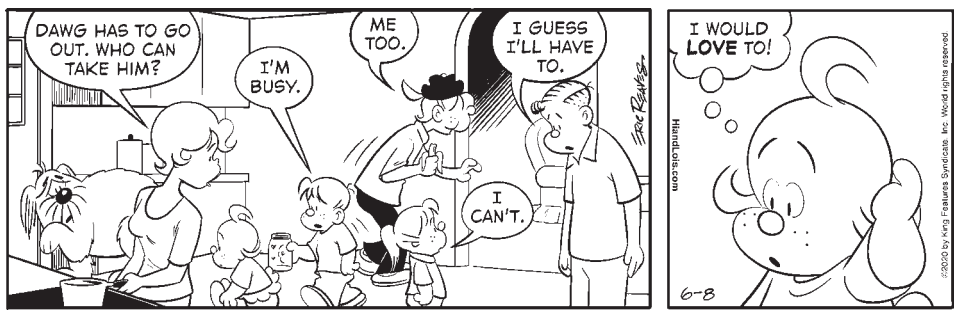

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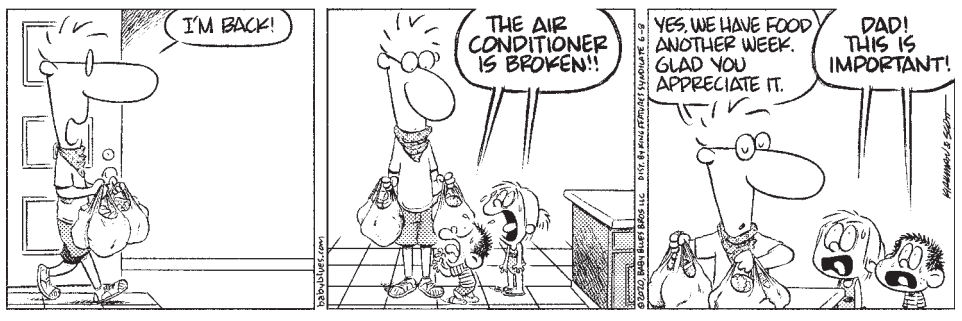
I'M BACK!
THE AIR CONDITIONER IS BROKEN!!
YES, WE HAVE FOOD ANOTHER WEEK. GLAD YOU APPRECIATE IT.
DAD! THIS IS IMPORTANT!
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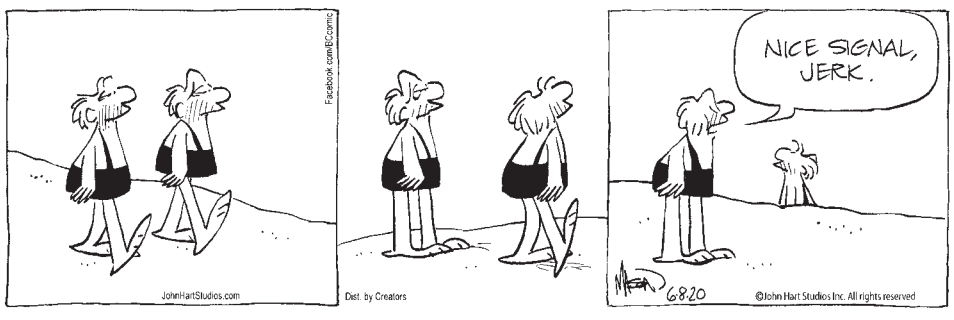

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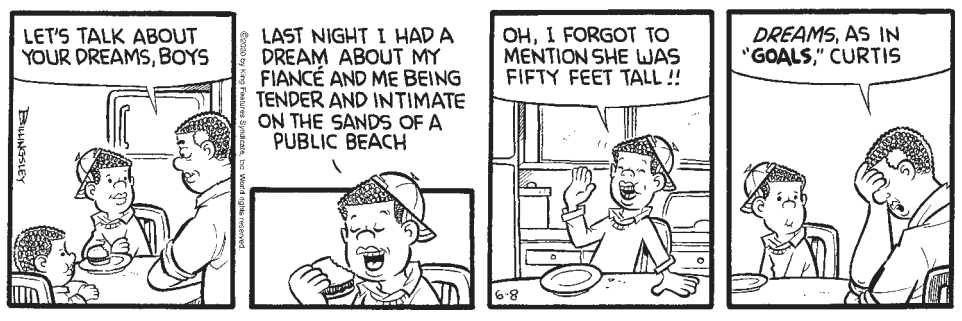
LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR DREAMS, BOYS
LAST NIGHT I HAD A DREAM ABOUT MY FIANCÉ AND ME BEING TENDER AND INTIMATE ON THE SANDS OF A PUBLIC BEACH
OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION SHE WAS FIFTY FEET TALL !!
DREAMS, AS IN "GOALS," CURTIS
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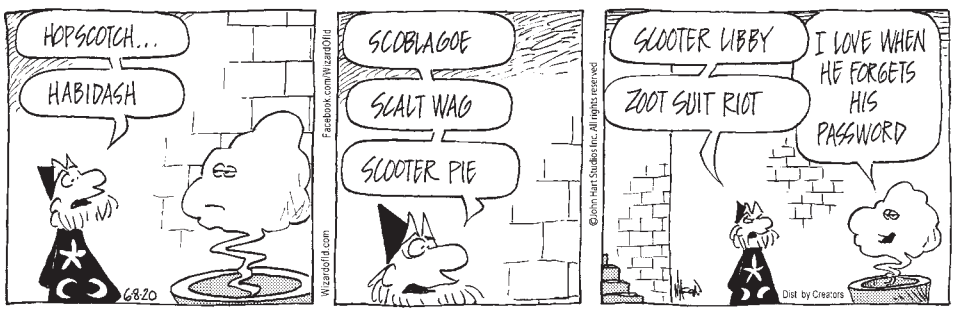

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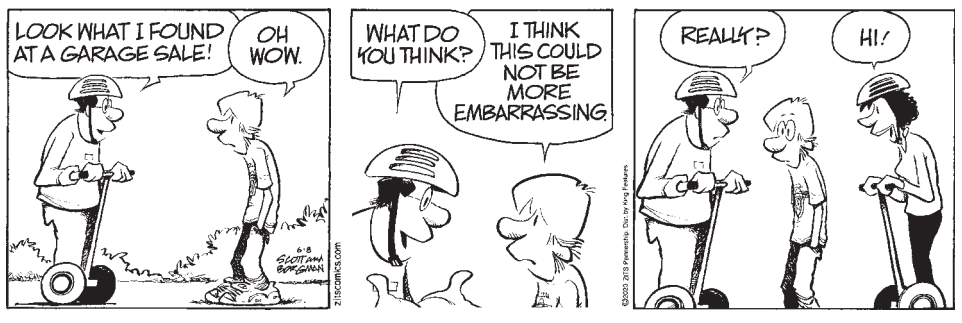

DILBERT

WHY DID YOU DISBAND THE TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE? THEY WERE CRITICAL.
I DIDN'T. I JUST REPLACED THE PEOPLE AND CHANGED THE MISSION.
THAT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE DISBAND-ING IT.
REALLY? I WAS HOPING IT DIDN'T.
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LEGEND SAYS THIS IS THE LAND OF THIEVING TROLLS!
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?
YES!
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GARFIELD

I WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING GREAT
THEN FEED ME!
SERIOUSLY?
"GREAT" IS RELATIVE, YOU KNOW
GARFIELD
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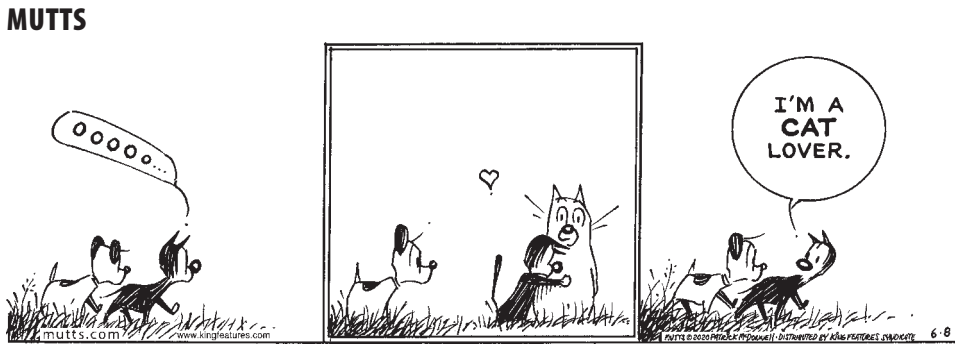

PICKLES

DON'T YOU THINK CATS ARE AMAZING CREATURES?
I READ SOMEWHERE THAT IN JAPAN THEY CALL CATS "THE TIGER THAT EATS OUT OF YOUR HAND."
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ISN'T THAT SUCH A NICE POETIC WAY TO DESCRIBE THEM?
I READ SOMEWHERE THAT THEY CALL DOGS "THE WOLF THAT DRINKS OUT OF YOUR TOILET."
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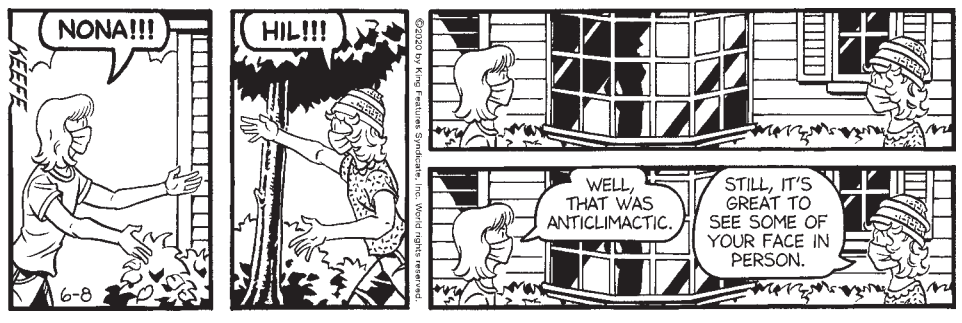
NONA!!!
HEEFFE
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HIL!!!
WELL, THAT WAS ANTICLIMACTIC.
STILL, IT'S GREAT TO SEE SOME OF YOUR FACE IN PERSON.
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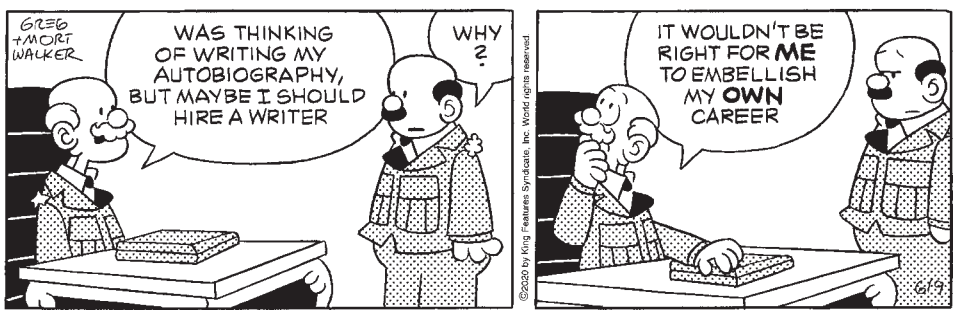
GREG + MORT WALKER
WAS THINKING OF WRITING MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY, BUT MAYBE I SHOULD HIRE A WRITER
WHY ?
IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR ME TO EMBELLISH MY OWN CAREER
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BLONDIE

DAGWOOD, WAKE UP! I THINK YOU SLEEP-TEXTED ME DURING THE NIGHT
WHAT DID I SAY?
AT LEAST THIS EXPLAINS THE CRAZY DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT
SKNXX-X!
SO I GUESS THAT ALSO EXPLAINS HIS 2ND MESSAGE
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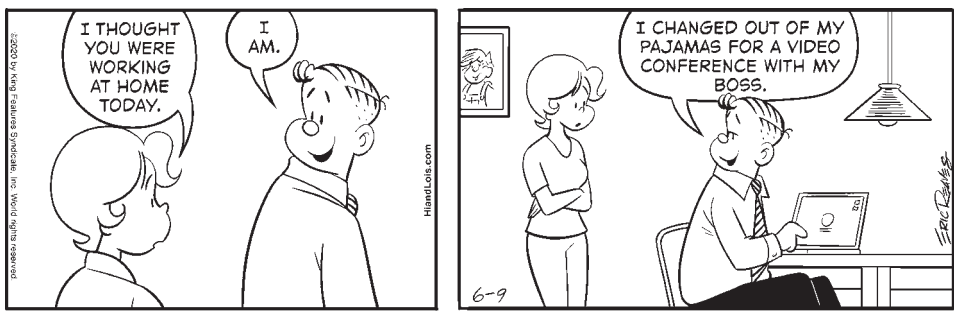
HI & LOIS


I THOUGHT YOU WERE WORKING AT HOME TODAY.
I AM.
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I CHANGED OUT OF MY PAJAMAS FOR A VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH MY BOSS.
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YES. THE VIDEO IS SO OBVIOUSLY FAKE THAT ONLY A RAGING MORON WOULD THINK ANY OF IT IS TRUE.
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I THINK IT'S ALL TRUE.
WELP, THAT'S ONE DATA POINT IN MY FAVOR.

GARFIELD

WHY ARE THE MICE RUNNING LAPS IN THE KITCHEN?
AND WASHING MY CAR? AND DOING JUMPING JACKS?
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SIX-PACK OF ENERGY DRINKS?
I THINK YOU SOLVED THE MYSTERY, SHERLOCK
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FORT KNOX

WHAT'S WITH THE LETTERS?
I NOW LIVE IN A SORORITY HOUSE, GENERAL.
PLEASE TELL ME THAT YOU'RE NOT SOME OLD SORORITY MEMBER.
OF COURSE NOT.
THANK GOODNESS.
I'M THEIR LEADER.
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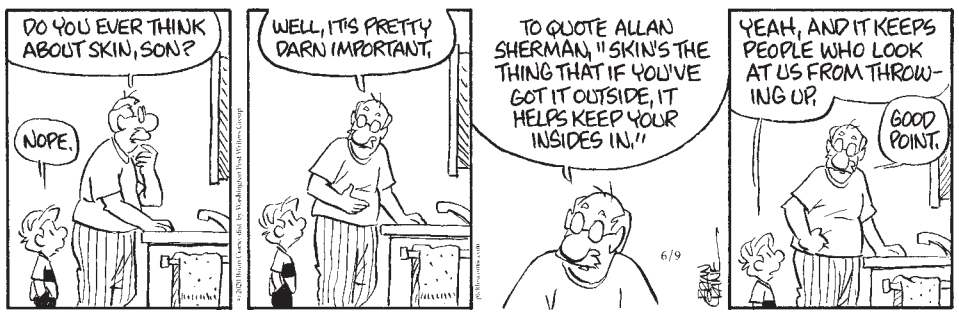
DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT SKIN, SON?
NOPE.
WELL, IT'S PRETTY DARN IMPORTANT.
TO QUOTE ALLAN SHERMAN, "SKIN'S THE THING THAT IF YOU'VE GOT IT OUTSIDE, IT HELPS KEEP YOUR INSIDES IN."
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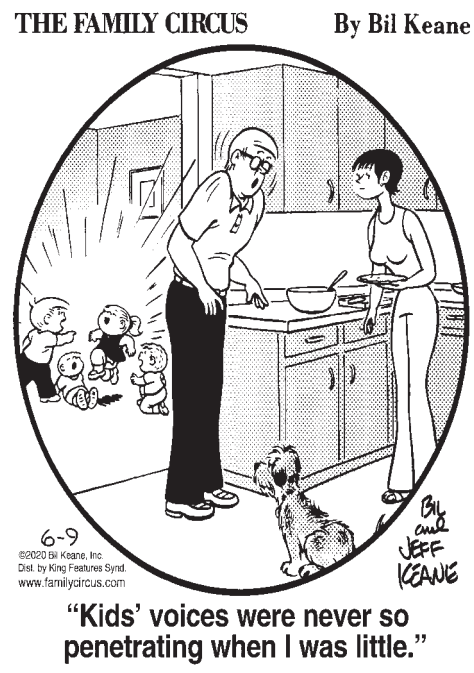
YEAH, AND IT KEEPS PEOPLE WHO LOOK AT US FROM THROWING UP.
GOOD POINT.

FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

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DAD! CAN YOU FIX THE AIR CONDITIONER? WE'RE DYING!
I JUST GOT HOME. LET ME WASH MY HANDS, AND I'LL HAVE A LOOK.
SEEMS OKAY TO ME.
I THINK YOU HAVE TO TOUCH IT.
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CURTIS

DAD, WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT BEING A KID?
MY FRIENDS! WE HAD THE GREATEST ADVENTURES AND OUR PARENTS NEVER KNEW
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WE THOUGHT THEY DIDN'T KNOW, BUT THEY DID!
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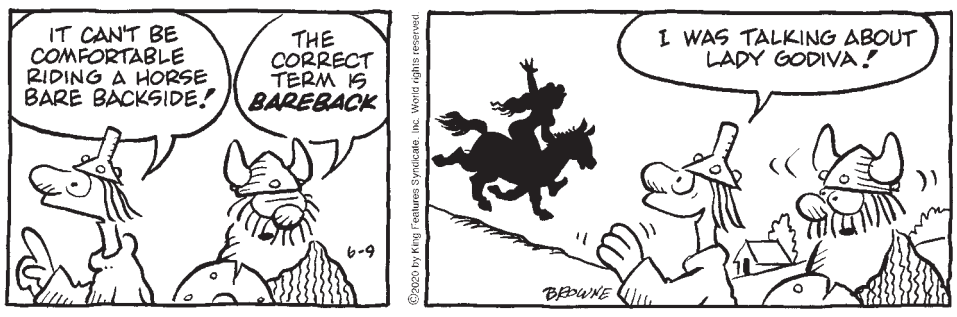
IT CAN'T BE COMFORTABLE RIDING A HORSE BARE BACKSIDE!
THE CORRECT TERM IS BAREBACK
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I WAS TALKING ABOUT LADY GODIVA!
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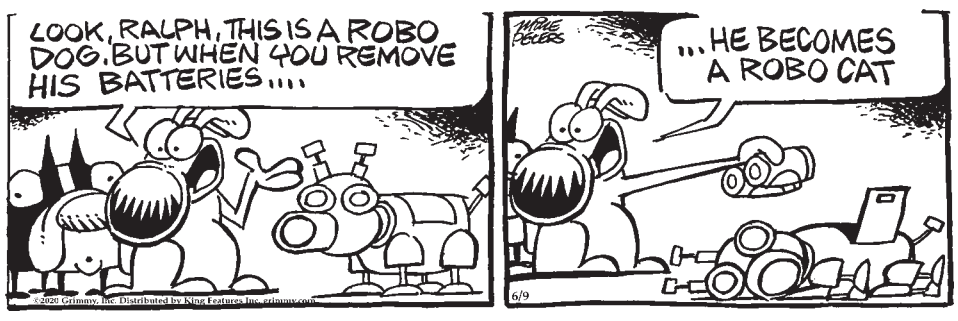
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


LOOK, RALPH, THIS IS A ROBO DOG. BUT WHEN YOU REMOVE HIS BATTERIES....
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MIKE PETERS
...HE BECOMES A ROBO CAT
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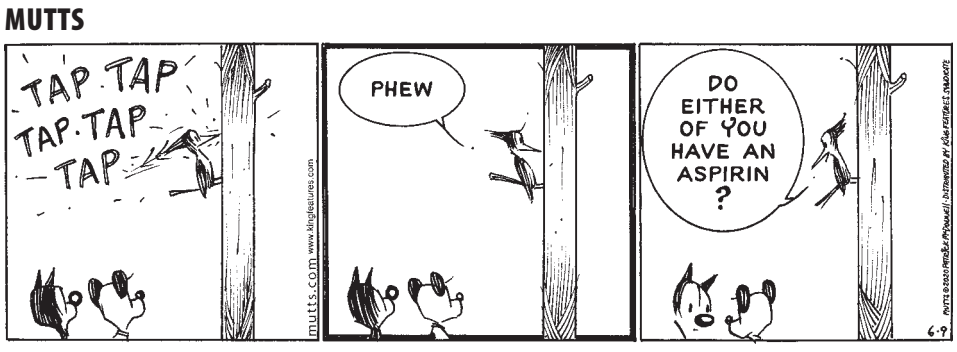
MUTTS



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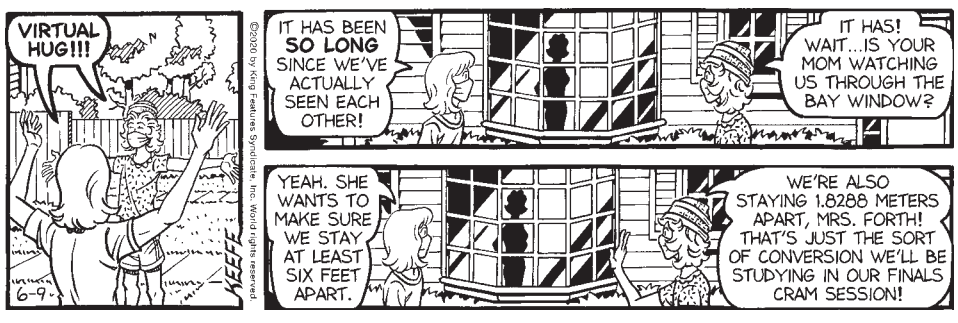
VIRTUAL HUG!!!
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KEEFE
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IT HAS BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE ACTUALLY SEEN EACH OTHER!
IT HAS! WAIT...IS YOUR MOM WATCHING US THROUGH THE BAY WINDOW?
YEAH. SHE WANTS TO MAKE SURE WE STAY AT LEAST SIX FEET APART.
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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Stand up and be counted. How you conduct yourself and your affairs will make a difference in the way others perceive you. A change made for the wrong reason will eventually backfire. Take your time and do things for the right reasons, and correctly, the first time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Aim to please someone you love but not at the expense of missing out on something that makes you happy. Equality will play an imperative role in your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take your time. Don't commit to something you aren't sure you want to pursue. A creative outlet will stimulate your mind and help you head in a direction that suits you better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Lay your cards on the table and make the adjustments necessary to achieve personal happiness. It's up to you to take the initiative if you want your life to unfold to your liking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Not everyone will share your plans or your schedule. Be willing to do your own thing if it will bring about the changes you want to make.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You've got what it takes to turn a negative into a positive. Discipline, drive and a passionate attitude will make you unstoppable. Romance is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Fix up your living area to suit your needs. Start a project on a small scale at home. Profits should help your bottom line, not be wasted on a fancy space.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Discipline, loyalty and the truth will help ward off a problem with someone you love. Refuse to let anyone interfere in personal matters. Making a promise to someone special is favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Initiate your plan. A unique way to revise something you are good at will make your life easier and your skills and services more marketable. Positive change is heading your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stick close to the people you know you can trust. Share only what's necessary with outsiders. Don't feel you have to make a change because someone else does. Romance is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Consider every angle. If you act in haste, you'll end up having to backtrack. Be choosy when it comes to helping others. Offer advice, not cash. Protect against injury and ill-health.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Get moving. Line things up and take action. How you handle matters will make a difference. Show your strengths and get things done. Refuse to let outside interference hold you back.

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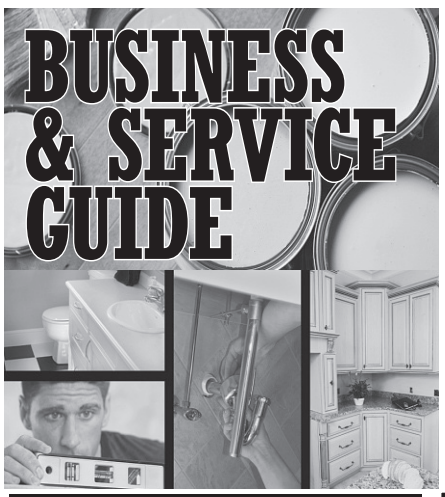

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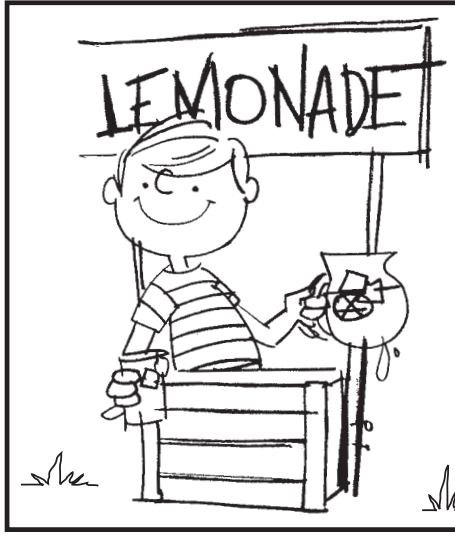

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